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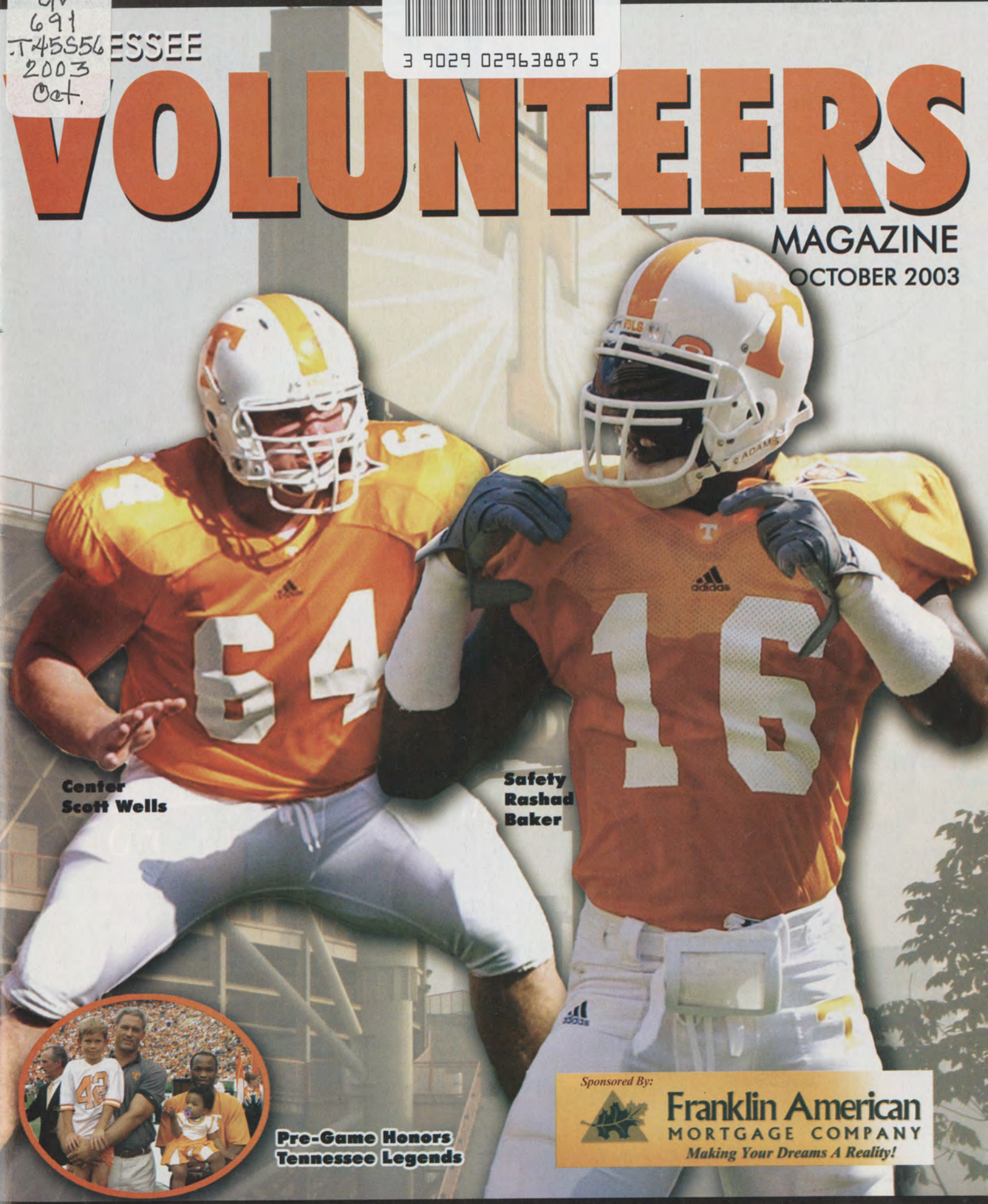

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MEN'S SWIMMERS WIN CHAMPS CUP

The CHAMPS Cup is an annual award given to the team that is the most involved in the components of the CHAMPS/Life Skills program. Each team is awarded points for involvement in designated events within four of the components of the Life Skills program: academics, career development, personal development and community service. The 2002-2003 competition ran from Sept. 1, 2002, to Apr. 18, 2003.

The winner of the inaugural CHAMPS Cup Award for 2002-2003 went to the men's swimming and diving team.

"Each recipient of the award will have its name engraved on a plate to be attached to the wooden base of the award," said Molly Justice, CHAMPS Cup coordinator. "The men's swimming and diving team is to be commended for its commitment to the total development of the student-athlete."

Nearly 66 percent of the men's swimming and diving team were members of the Fall Thornton Center Honor Roll. More than 75 percent of the seniors attended the Fall Semester Career Fair and developed resumes to be placed in the 2002-2003 Student-Athlete Resume Book. More than 75 percent of the team participated in at least one community service event, and more than half the team participated in April Play Day.

"I am proud of what our team has accomplished in these areas of personal development and character," head swimming and diving coach John Trembley said. "Our guys work hard to be good, well-rounded citizens in the campus community. It's a tribute to them and our program."

Points were calculated based on the percentage of team members that were involved with eight CHAMPS Cup designated scoring events. These designated events were:

Academics:

- SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Thornton Center Honor Roll

Career Development:

- Fall Semester Student-Athlete Career Fair (Sept. 18)
- Resume Book

Personal Development:

- Paul Chabot's "Presentation X: Club Drugs" (Oct. 1)
- Vol Ball (Feb. 11)

Community Service:

- At least one community service event
- April Play Day (April 16)

The men's swimming and diving team was honored on Shields-Watkins Field Sept. 6 before the Tennessee-Marshall game. The men's swimming and diving team will showcase the trophy at the Aquatic Center until it rotates to next year's winner.

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A NEW TRADITION BEGINS

Long-time Tennessee football observer Ben Byrd once noted that one of the great things about college football is there is always room for another legend or two. That's the case this fall.

One of the new events of pregame at Neyland Stadium this fall is the appearance of the "Legends of Tennessee Football." This allows the crowd to pay tribute to some of the great names of Tennessee football and then for the legends to greet the team as it comes through the "T" at the north end just before kickoff. There's a special video presentation on the high moments of their careers

When the Vols and Fresno State squared off, offensive tackle Bruce Wilkerson (1983-86) and running back Johnnie Jones (1981-84) were feted, appreciated and otherwise acknowledged by the crowd. For Marshall, it was Charles McRae (1987-90) and Tony Thompson (1986, 1988-90). For South Carolina, it was Condredge Holloway (1972-74) and Larry Seivers (1974-76), highlighted by an amazing two-point conversion against Clemson in 1974. As the season progresses, look for other big names in Vols history to be honored at midfield.

Each time, it was an exciting moment, a time for Vols fans to pay tribute to those who have contributed mightily to the Tennessee tradition.

JOHNNIE JONES LOOKS BACK 20 YEARS AGO

Only 10 players have ever rushed for more than 1000 yards in a season for the Tennessee Volunteers. Only one player has done it twice. He is also the person who accomplished the superlative milestone first.

It was 20 years ago this season that Johnnie Jones rolled up 1116 yards to become the first Volunteer to surpass the 1000-yard mark. Jones' biggest concern to start the season, though, was merely getting into the game. The rising junior from Mumford saw Chuck Coleman and Randall Morris ahead of him on the depth chart at tailback.

Offensive lineman Bruce Wilkerson and running back Johnnie Jones were honored at the Fresno State game.

Rushing for 1000 yards seemed an afterthought by the way the 1983 season began for Jones. He played sparingly in the Vols' first three games, and breaking the 1000-yard barrier seemed out of reach.

"I wasn't really thinking about rushing for 1000 yards at all," Jones said prior to the Vols' 2003 season-opener against Fresno State. "I was just thinking about playing. I was still behind Chuck and Randall and was just trying to get in the game. A thousand yards wasn't even in the back of my mind."

Jones was injured nine days before the lidlifter against Pittsburgh, and he did not play against the Panthers in a 13-3 Volunteers loss.

His first carry of the season did not come until the third quarter of the season's second game when he finished with 43 yards against New Mexico. Jones, however, did show flashes of what was to come for Tennessee fans. The Vols ran 21 plays in the fourth quarter with Jones carrying the ball 10 times for 40 of his 43 yards. The game also stood out for another Vol, as Reggie White recorded two sacks to establish the Tennessee career sacks record. He finished his career with 32, a record that still stands today.

Bo Jackson and his Auburn Tigers were up next for Jones and the Vols. Jones did little toward eclipsing the 1000-yard mark and, in fact, inched farther away from the target. He carried the ball once and lost two yards. In all, Jones had 41 yards rushing for the season after three games for a 13.6 per-game average. One thousand yards rushing was hardly on anyone's mind at that point.

But as the calendar flipped to October, the switch in Jones seemed to flip as well. A matchup against The Citadel seemed to get the season started for Jones and the Vols. He carried 20 times for 148 yards and one touchdown. The highlight of the game was a 41-yard touchdown scamper in the second quarter to give the Vols a 19-0 lead. Jones had equaled his season yardage output through three games with just one carry against The Citadel. The Vols went on to win the contest 45-6 and, coupled with the win against New Mexico, pulled their record to 2-2 on the season.

The fifth contest of the season was a defensive struggle against

Offensive lineman Charles McRae (right) and running back Tony Thompson (left) were honored before the Marshall game.

Career Net Yardage

1. Travis Henry, RB (1997-2000), Frostproof, Fla.

	Rushes	Net Yards	Avg.	TDs	LP
1997	2	4	2.0	0	5-Texas Tech
1998	176	970	5.5	7	36-Vanderbilt
1999	125	790	6.3	8	63-Vanderbilt
2000	253	1314	5.3	11	60-Vanderbilt
TOTALS	**556**	**3078**	**5.5**	**26**	**63-Vanderbilt**

2. James Stewart, RB (1991-94), Morristown

	Rushes	Net Yards	Avg.	TDs	LP
1991	190	939	4.9	8	30-Mississippi
1992	85	386	4.5	7	30-USL
1993	86	537	6.2	9	52-S. Carolina
1994	170	1028	6.1	11	71-Georgia
TOTALS	**531**	**2890**	**5.4**	**35**	**71-Georgia**

3. JOHNNIE JONES, RB (1981-84), MUNFORD

	Rushes	Net Yards	Avg.	TDs	LP
1981	**4**	**25**	**6.3**	**0**	**18-Colorado State**
1982	**93**	**421**	**4.5**	**4**	**42-Vanderbilt**
1983	**191**	**1116**	**5.8**	**5**	**70-Vanderbilt**
1984	**229**	**1290**	**5.6**	**10**	**61-Memphis State**
TOTALS	**517**	**2852**	**5.5**	**19**	**70-Vanderbilt**

4. Jamal Lewis, RB (1997-99), Atlanta, Ga.

	Rushes	Net Yards	Avg.	TDs	LP
1997	232	1364	5.9	7	65-S. Carolina
1995	73	497	6.8	3	67-Auburn
1996	182	816	4.5	7	70-S. Carolina
TOTALS	**487**	**2677**	**5.5**	**17**	**70-S. Carolina**

5. Jay Graham, RB (1993-96), Concord, N.C.

	Rushes	Net Yards	Avg.	TDs	LP
1993	28	99	3.5	0	19-Vanderbilt
1994	61	275	4.5	2	25-Vanderbilt
1995	272	1438	5.3	12	75-Alabama
1996	179	797	4.6	11	79-Alabama
TOTALS	**540**	**2609**	**4.8**	**25**	**79-Alabama**2000
81	359	4.4		780-Kentucky	
2001	291	1464	5.0	10	68-Florida
TOTALS	**488**	**2336**	**4.8**	**21**	**80-Kentucky**

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Johnnie Jones

Louisiana State, as Jones netted only 26 yards on 12 carries in the 20-6 Tennessee win. He did make a difference with his hands, though. He had a 36-yard reception to set up a field goal in the first half. He also had a key catch on a third-down situation in the second quarter. He hauled in a pass from Alan Cockrell for a first down to keep an eventual touchdown drive alive.

Jones was ready to break loose again, and it couldn't have come at better time for Vol fans with Alabama next on the schedule. The Vols had broken Alabama's 11-game winning streak in the series with a 35-28 victory in Knoxville the previous season. Tennessee had not won in Birmingham, however, since 1969.

Alabama was able to build a 34-24 lead midway through the third quarter, but Jones and the Vols were not ready to throw in the towel. Cockrell hooked up with Clyde Duncan for a 57-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 34-31 heading into the fourth quarter. Tennessee eventually tied the score at 34 on a Fuad Reveiz field goal midway through the final frame. The key play of the drive came courtesy of Jones, as he picked up 11 yards on a third-and-short situation to move the ball down to the Alabama 15-yard line.

The stage was then set for Jones to etch his name into the tales that come with the Third Saturday in October. Tennessee took over possession at its own 27-yard line with 4:29 left in the game. Two short gains later, and the Vols faced third-and-three. Jones took a Cockrell pitch at left end and raced 66 yards untouched for the eventual game-winning touchdown.

"I got the pitch and saw that I had some running room," Jones said following the game. "Then I saw Tim McGee make a good

block, so I cut back over to the right and everything just opened up. I was tired, but wasn't so tired that it was going to keep me out of the end zone."

The play was shown on the JumboTron at Neyland Stadium prior the Fresno State game, and Jones said he got chills watching himself scamper toward paydirt at Legion Field.

"I still think about that run today," Jones said. "I started weaving in and out, cut back and saw an opening. The only thing I thought about then was that I couldn't let anybody catch me."

Nobody did catch him, as he finished the game with 113 yards on 15 carries. The next game brought a 37-3 victory over Georgia Tech in which Jones gained 128 yards on 23 carries. His first carry of the game was good for 40 yards that set up a Reviez field goal. He also had a 1-yard touchdown plunge to give the Vols a 23-3 lead early in the fourth quarter that essentially put the game out of reach.

Morris suffered a knee injury in the game, though, and joined Coleman and fellow running back Sam Henderson on the injured list. Jones was the lone healthy running back.

The Vols traveled to East Rutherford to take on Rutgers the next week. A howling wind in Giants Stadium made passing the ball with any accuracy nearly impossible. That meant Tennessee had to grind out its yardage on the ground, with Jones shouldering the load.

Jones did just that. He carried the ball 41 times for 234 yards to help the Vols post a 7-0 victory. He accounted for all but 86 of the Vols' yardage, and Tennessee dominated time of possession by more than seven minutes. The yardage and number of carries established Tennessee records. The number of carries established a Giants Stadium record that still stands today.

"The week of the game Coach (Johnny) Majors asked me if I could carry the ball every time," Jones said. "I told him I could do it and put the pressure on myself. That was a tough game, and I just kept getting my number called."

Jones was stymied in a 13-10 victory over Ole Miss, as he only gained 28 yards on seven carries. That put him at 718 yards with two games remaining.

He righted the ship though in a 10-0 win over Kentucky with 150 yards on 31 carries. Jones was pivotal at the end of the game when the Vols ran nearly six minutes off the clock on their final possession. He carried the ball on eight of the 11 plays of the drive, twice moving the chains during short-yardage situations on third down.

A good season was already in the books for Jones. He had established records for most carries in a game and yards rushing in a game. He only trailed Haskel Stanback for the single-season rushing mark, established in 1972 when he rolled up 890 yards. Jones was also closing in on the single-season attempts for carries. Curt Watson had 193 carries in 1971, and Jones had 161 heading into the season finale against Vanderbilt.

Jones was still not thinking about 1000 yards, but his offensive linemen were aware that he was closing in on the elusive mark. The offensive line clearing the way for Jones was Curt Singer, Mike Furnas, Glenn Streno, Bill Mayo and Steve Knight.

"I didn't really think about it that much but my offensive linemen thought about it more than I did," Jones said. "They are the ones that did all the work, and I give all the credit to them. I wouldn't have been able to do it without them. They felt just as good as I did when I got the 1000 yards."

A good season turned into a great season as Jones ran rampant over the Commodores to the tune of 248 yards and two touchdowns. The Vols had built a 20-10 lead only to see Vanderbilt battle back to take a 24-20 advantage late in the third quarter. The second play of the fourth quarter, though, saw Jones rip off a 70-yard touchdown run to give the Vols a 27-24 lead. The Vols iced the game with an 85-yard Cockrell to Duncan touchdown on their next possession.

Jones' effort pushed him over the 1000-yard mark for the season, which was a first in Volunteer football history. His 30 carries moved him to second in the season attempts category with 191. Those 191 carries resulted in 1116 yards, an 8-3 regular-season record and a berth in the Florida Citrus Bowl against No. 16 Maryland.

Johnnie Jones became the first Vol running back to rush for more than 1000 yards in a single season in 1983

The Vols closed the 1983 campaign with a 30-23 victory over the Terrapins to finish at 9-3 with a No. 17 national ranking.

Jones topped his junior season with 1290 yards on 229 rushes his senior year, both of which were Tennessee single-season records.

Jones left Tennessee following the 1984 season with nearly every rushing record. He held the mark for career yardage (2852), season yardage (1290), season attempts (229), single-game attempts (41), single-game yardage (248), most 100-yard games (13) and most 200-yard games (3). He was second in career attempts (517) to Curt Watson (529).

Long-time Tennessee football observer Ben Byrd once noted that one of the great things about college football is there is always room for another legend. Johnnie Jones certainly fits the bill.

by Rob Hardin

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GUS MANNING SEES 600TH STRAIGHT GAME

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He took in No. 600 Sept. 20 when he plopped his frame down into his seat on the third row of the press box at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, home of the Florida Gators.

Beginning with the season opener in 1951, when the Vols took on Mississippi State, Tennessee's colorful and versatile Athletics Department staffer has attended every Vols game, at home and away. Gus has been there in good times and tough times, in fair weather and foul.

He was there to rejoice when the Vols emerged from a 12-year slump to rip Miami to shreds in the 1986 Sugar Bowl, and he celebrated the 1998 team's national championship win on a warm January night at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe.

Those were classic games forever filed to memory. In a different way, he will never forget sitting stunned in the press box at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in 1996 while beneath him on the field Memphis fans tore down the goal posts after the Tigers' first-ever victory in the cross-state rivalry.

For more than five decades, Manning has seen it all, the good outweighing the bad by a substantial margin. Just turned 80, he possesses a youthful outlook that inspires him to still attend Friday night high school games when he's not on the road with the Vols.

The last time Gus was absent from a Tennessee game, he missed a doozy, the 20-14 Cotton Bowl upset of Texas that set the table for the 1951 national championship run.

He had a good excuse for being elsewhere that day. He was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., visiting a prim and pretty school teacher, UT graduate Margaret Bussell, who, a short time later, became Mrs. Gus Manning.

By September, Gus was on the UT payroll, hired by Gen. Bob Neyland as publicity director, a role that required his presence at every football game. Judging by the streak that reached 601 against the Gamecocks, it's obvious Gus took his perfect attendance responsibilities pretty seriously.

But now that you've reached 600, Gus, how much further will you carry it? "As long as my health holds up and UT takes me on the trips, I'll keep on going."

Television coverage and interviews about notching his 600th straight put Manning back in the news that week. He was also recognized on the field before the South Carolina game Sept. 27.

A little known fact about Gus is that TV sports critic Beano Cook named him about 45 years ago as the funniest man in the college sports information field.

He's amusing, all right, but his sense of humor was sorely tested a few years after Beano's pronouncement when Gus headed the UT ticket operation. The need to say no to so many people trying to buy tickets for sold-out games would put a strain on anybody's smiley muscles, even Gus Manning's.

Don Ferguson and I conducted a Big Orange football class at UT earlier this summer at which Gus was one of the speakers. His stories about Gen. Neyland, Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and Chattanooga coach Scrappy Moore had the students howling and asking for more.

When it came to his work, though, Gus throughout his career turned deadly serious. People who worked with him agree that whatever Athletics Department responsibility he was assigned - publicity, tickets, concessions, facilities, travel, bowl logistics - Gus handled it with total professionalism.

by Haywood Harris

Longtime Florida SID Norm Carlson, left, and Gus Manning, right, have spent many a season watching college football games.

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BAKER DEVELOPS INTO VOLS' SECONDARY CORNERSTONE

When Rashad Baker came to UT back in 2000, he probably thought that he would be catching passes from Casey Clausen over the course of his career, not chasing down enemy aerials. As things turned out, Rashad has become one of the SEC's best safeties and joins teammate Gibril Wilson as part of what head coach Phillip Fulmer has called the best safety tandem in the conference.

Baker has done well enough to be elected one of the Vols' captains for 2003 and, with 10 interceptions going into this season, to be 12th on the all-time career interception list, tied with Bud Sherrill, Eddie Brown, Roland James and Jason Parker, just behind Jackie Walker (11) and Terry Fair and Dwayne Goodrich (12).

It's pretty impressive company. He's actually in range of No. 2 Mike Jones (16) and all-time leader Tim Priest (18).

He's also the only player from his hometown of Camden, N. J., to letter at Tennessee, one of 15 from the Garden State to do so over the recorded history of Vols football.

He's the third captain from Jersey, joining Jamie Rotella (1972) and Carl Zander (1984).

He's responded pretty impressively to the challenge, yet he knows there are things he can do better. Witness the first two games of the season.

"Against Fresno State and Marshall, there were times I should have made plays," he said. "I haven't gotten any deep balls yet, but I've just got to prepare myself for that. It's kind of frustrating that I haven't gotten any interceptions. And that's one thing I try to come out here and do. Coaches tell us to come out here and make plays because it starts on the practice field. So once I get my hands on the ball, I'll be a lot happier.

"It was a long transition from being a receiver to being a defensive back. My freshman year was a long year. That experience really helped me and prepared me to become the player I am right now. But I'm still not satisfied with the way I'm playing."

The captaincy is something he takes seriously, just as his other compatriots would allow.

"It means a lot to me," Baker said. "I never thought coming to the University of Tennessee that I would be a captain on the 2003 team. It means a lot, but it also means you have shoes to fill. There have been great leaders in the past at the University of Tennessee, so you have people looking up to you. One thing you have to do is go out to the practice field and lead by example, not just by talking or showing up on game days."

Recruited as a receiver, his instincts as a pass-catcher have held him in good stead as a defensive back. Those same receiving instincts have also helped him once he gets the spheroid under his arm after an interception or when he's back returning punts. You will remember that it was Baker's punt return late in the first half against Marshall that put the Vols in position to take the lead at intermission, thanks to Clausen's pass to Tony Brown after Baker's run.

"Having been a receiver allows me to catch the ball when it's in the air a lot better," he said. "Most defensive backs drop passes because they're not used to having any thrown their way. Actually, I've gotten a lot of balls thrown my way because I played receiver. So it's second nature to me once the ball comes my way."

There are high expectations for Baker,

as evidenced by what position coach Larry Slade said before the season: "We're expecting our safeties to be as good as anybody in the country, and Rashad comes back as a veteran. We expect him to make plays for us and be a strong leader."

Despite an injury in 2002, Baker was a first team All-SEC selection (coaches) and a second team pick (AP). He finished third in the SEC and 24th nationally with his five picks. His picks came against Wyoming, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

He was active in the secondary with 60 hits, sixth on the team, with 41 initial hits. He also had seven broken-up passes. He finished sixth in the league with a 10.8-yard punt return average on 12 tries.

He led the team with four interceptions in 2001 and had back-to-back double-digit tackle games against Notre Dame and South Carolina. He also had nine tackles in the never-to-be-forgotten 34-32 in over Florida in December. His 12-yard punt return in the rain at Arkansas led to a critical Vols field goal in a 13-3 victory that was well-earned.

We had one other question for Baker and that was his jersey number, albeit since he was the first No. 16 since you-know-who played quarterback for the Vols from 1994-97, not to mention Sterling Henton, Dewey Warren and a host of others who wore that uniquely quarterback number

"Actually, I didn't have a chance to choose," he said. "It was actually given to me. When I came in here, I thought I was going to get No. 9 because that was my high school number. So people were telling me No. 16 was retired, that Peyton Manning's number is retired, but I ended up with it.

"People were asking me how I got it and I told them it was given to me. So I guess it's given to special players, and that's what coach saw in the beginning. And that's fine with me."

Sometimes players are asked to do things that initially might not make sense, but, in the long run, turn out to be a positive. That could be the case with Rashad as he looks back, particularly with a well-inculcated sense of "team" in his makeup.

"I was nervous, and I really didn't want to do it. That wasn't on my mind, and I was frustrated at the time. So all that played into the role when I moved over there. But I had to suck it up because I knew the coaches and the team depended on me."

Vol fans are depending on him to be the glue in the secondary this season, to help the Vols overcome a gauntlet of a schedule. Here's what he says about the move to the secondary, chasing receivers instead of trying to outrun defensive backs.

"It has helped out a lot. It showed that I do have the ability to step up and fight against adversity. The thing that helped me is that I wanted to get better. I wanted to be the type of player that everybody looked up to. I wanted to be the type of player that everybody could count on. And that's what I took upon myself and did."

He just did it, for himself and for the team. That's a solid tribute and something to be proud of. T

by Tom Mattingly

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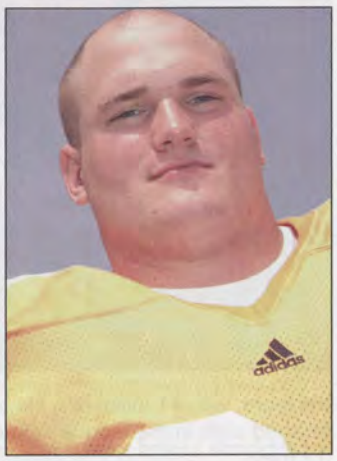
SCOTT WELLS NOT OFTEN CENTER OF ATTENTION

The date was Sept. 16, 2000. It was the largest crowd to ever watch a game at Neyland Stadium, with 108,768 packed into the concrete bowl. The Florida Gators were in Knoxville for the yearly SEC showdown against a young Tennessee squad looking for a quarterback. Turns out, the Vols were looking for a lot of answers when the Gators left town with a breathtaking 27-23 win that sent Tennessee on the road to an 8-4 season.

Tennessee fans may remember that game as the one that ended with a "phantom" touchdown (or so the fans thought)– a 3-yard pass from Florida's Jesse Palmer to Jabar Gaffney. Florida fans may remember that game as the one they won despite being outplayed, according to then-Gators coach Steve Spurrier. Sideline spectators may remember that defeat as the hardest to take of any in the long history of Tennessee football.



Scott Wells will remember that game as the one that began his career.

Then-junior center Fred Weary went down with an injury in the first half, and the Vols were in need of a backup snapper. Wells jogged onto Shields-Watkins Field that day as a redshirt freshman guard, unproven and unknown. He was then the center of attention. He made the rest of the game's snaps against the Vols' new-age rival, and he hasn't quit since.

Thirty-six consecutive starts later, Wells entered this year, his last on The Hill, as a veteran on Tennessee's offensive line. He has more experience than any other offensive player, playing in all but one game of his career. Seeing No. 64 lead the way to the line of scrimmage, assume a three-point stance and send a snap between his legs that causes men to collide and chaos to commence has become as much a part of Tennessee football as power "T"s, checkerboard end zones and a post-game "Tennessee Waltz."

"I've been here a long time," says the 22-year-old, who married the former Julie Crostwait of Brentwood last year. "I've seen my hair fall out. I've gotten married, and I've got a kid on the way. I'm getting old, but I'm excited and ready to finish strong."

Wells is also making sure the rest of the team plans to finish strong, too. His experience made him an obvious selection for captain. He is required to be one of the most responsible men on the field when the offense is in charge. Rain, snow or shine, it's Wells who makes the delivery to quarterback Casey Clausen to begin each play. But he's a little sensitive about rain.

A year ago, it was his third reunion with the Gators, again in Knoxville. Rain soaked Shields-Watkins Field, and it soaked the football as well. Wells struggled in snapping the pigskin to gunslinger Clausen, and the Vols fumbled five times, three of which were lost to Florida. The Gators won, 30-13.

"A lot of people take it for granted," Wells said of his machine-like job. "Sometimes it's much more difficult than it seems. But with Casey and I being able to play together as much as we have and learning from the game we had last year (Florida), which I don't want to talk about, I think we definitely know how to handle ourselves."

That dreadful stormy night might have been the most exposure Wells received in his career if it weren't for this year's football media guide, which sports the team's six captains on the cover. He fits nicely beside Clausen, who has relied on Wells' snaps since his Tennessee career began, and in front of Michael Munoz, a fellow offensive lineman.

But blending in is part of Wells' job description. On the offensive line, publicity follows problems, not punctuality. "I think if they've played offensive line very long, they understand they're not the guys in the limelight," coach Jimmy Ray Stephens says of his linemen. "They're not going to get their names called out on the loudspeaker. But, they have to have a personal pride in themselves to carry their share of the load to make it all happen."

Wells' load doubles, considering his multiple tasks of delivering the ball and positioning himself upright to stonewall a defender. Part of Wells' mobility comes from his days at Brentwood Academy, where he was named Mr. Football in 1998 as a lineman. However, he made an even bigger name for himself as a high school wrestler. At one point, Wells was ranked as the No. 1 heavyweight wrestler in the nation and was named Tennessee wrestling MVP.

Now as the Vols' snapper, he uses his mat technique for leverage when picking up a block. "The most important thing I think I've taken from wrestling is the use of the hips," he says. "A lot of people don't realize that. You make contact with your arms and your head, but the hips and legs are what make the block."

As if Wells' 6-foot-2, 300-pound frame weren't enough to congest the middle of the line, his agility as a big man is difficult to measure. His ability to multi-task on the field, however, was recognized last season when he was named All-SEC honorable mention by the league's coaches. In his first season, Sporting News named him Freshman All-America, and the coaches named him Freshman All-SEC.

Wells' coach, Phillip Fulmer, knows a little about the trenches. He was an offensive lineman for the Vols from 1969-71. And his position coach, Stephens, played center for Florida from 1973-76. Stephens uses strong adjectives to describe Wells, such as the word "leader," which is the perfect description for Wells' captain role he's fulfilling this season. Stephens used the word "mature," referring to the married life he leads and positive example he provides. Then there's "warrior," showing the dedication to his tribe of teammates through consecutive starts and consistent play.

The date will be Nov. 29. Commonwealth Stadium will be packed as the Vols travel to face their oldest rival, the Kentucky Wildcats, to close the regular season. It just happens to be the day his wife Julie is due to give birth to their son. Yes, Wells says he's going to play that day. So when the mature warrior leads his team to the line of scrimmage that Saturday, it will be the close of one fine career. And he will, in fact, be the center of attention. T

by Josh Pate

IRVINE, WALLS FIRST TWO FANS HONORED THIS YEAR

In a year of significant milestones, another will be reached during the 2003 Tennessee football season as the 25 millionth fan is expected to enter Neyland Stadium when UT meets Vanderbilt Nov. 22. To celebrate this event, this football season is being called the "Year of the Volunteer Fan."

At each of the seven home games, a "Fan of the Game" receives prizes courtesy of select UT Athletics Department corporate partners, with prize packs valued at approximately $4,000 per game. The grand prize - a Sea Ray 185 Sport, a Toyota Tundra truck, two season tickets to all Tennessee athletics events for the 2004 calendar year, $250 gift certificates from each promotional sponsor and the opportunity to run through the "T" with the Volunteers - will be awarded prior to the Vanderbilt game.

Winners are selected randomly before each home game at a predetermined gate at Neyland Stadium, after the gate has been determined through a random drawing. All gates, as well as representation from the mail-in entry forms, are included in the drawing. The accounting firm of Van Elkins and Associates is monitoring the selection process.

Sponsors of the "Year of the Volunteer Fan" are Sea Ray Boats, Volunteer Toyota Dealers, BreadBox, First Tennessee Bank, Goody's Family Clothing, Kroger, the News Sentinel, Philips Electronics and World Travel. The Athletics Department thanks them for their generous support.

When Memphis opthomologist Dr. David Irvine came to Neyland Stadium Aug.30, he left with more than he bargained for. He was selected at Gate 17 at 1:43 p.m. and was presented with a variety of gifts as part of the promotion, with Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing, Chip Bryant, making the presentation.

He received a 60-inch High Definition Projection Philips wide screen television, a $250 Big Orange checking account from First Tennessee Bank and $250 in gift certificates from Bread Box, Goody's, Kroger and World Travel.

A 1982 UT grad in business who also graduated from the UT Medical School in Memphis, Irvine said he was "surprised and shocked" to be selected.

"We always get here early to see the band and the pre-game," he said. "Since I just ordered a satellite system, I had been looking to buy a wide screen television."

He was accompanied by his sons, Will, John and Andrew, and their friend, Russell Garner, to the season opener.

A week later, Hixson's Keith Walls came to Knoxville wearing a No. 21 orange and white Tennessee jersey. He was hoping for the Vols to win and for Cedric Houston to have a big day. He was right on both counts, but what happened around 2:30 p. m. at Gate 21 was even better.

Walls, who works at Siskin Steel in his hometown, became the second "Volunteer Fan of the Game." Completing the trifecta, Houston rushed 26 times for 160 yards, and the Vols prevailed, 34-24.

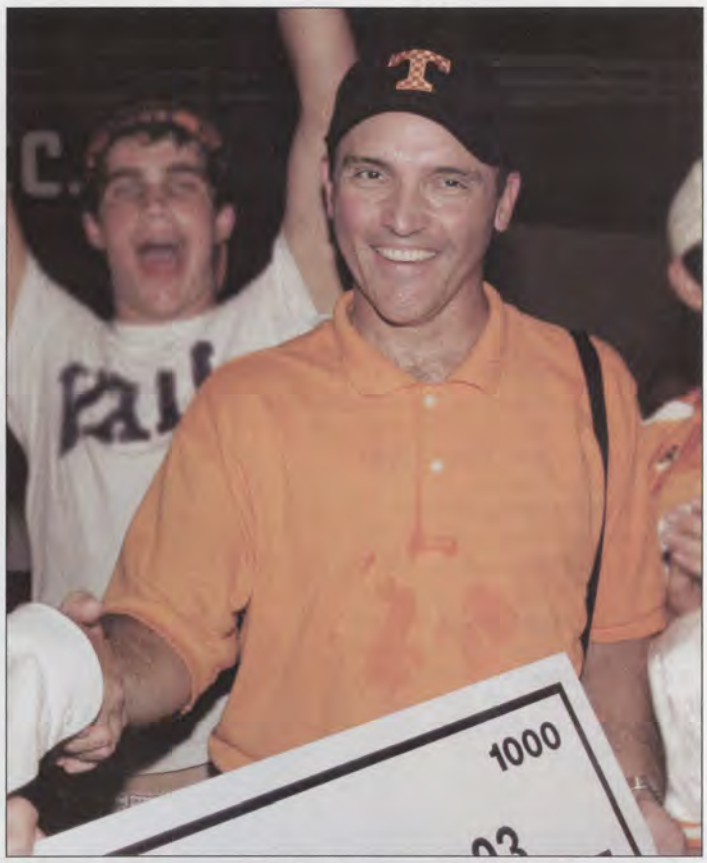
Walls received a $2,500 gift certificate from Kroger, a 25-inch television courtesy of Philips Magnavox, a $250 Big Orange checking account from First Tennessee Bank and $250 worth of gift certificates from Bread Box, Goody's and World Travel.

"I've been coming to games here the last five years or so, and, when they chose me, I didn't know what was going on," Walls said. "I'm wearing Cedric Houston's jersey, but we also pull for Gerald Riggs from Red Bank. We watched him in high school and have kept up with him."

His son, Justin, who also wore a No. 21 Tennessee jersey, his soon-to-be sister-in-law, Ginger Young, and Justin's friend, Joey Shiraef, accompanied him.

Phyllis Smith of Oak Ridge was selected at the South Caorlina game.

For complete contest information, visit www.utsports. com. T



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NEWS FROM THE VASF...

ANNUAL PLEDGE SYSTEM NOW AN OPTION FOR VASF DONORS...

VASF members now have the option to make their annual fund gift in installments. To continue providing superior service to members of the VASF, a pledge system will be available beginning this fall for annual fund contributions. "The purpose of this system is to provide more flexibility for VASF members when making gifts to the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund," explained Jennifer Wiggins, associate director of annual giving. This new system will provide periodic reminders from the VASF office until the donor's pledge is completed. Individuals wishing to renew their VASF membership, or join for the first time, will be able to spread their gifts over several months rather than writing one check in January or February. March 1 will continue to serve as the deadline for all VASF members who wish to have the priority to purchase football tickets.

This month, VASF members will be receiving information further outlining the pledge system. Should you have any questions about this system and how it might affect your VASF membership, please do not hesitate to contact the VASF office at 865-974-1218 or vasf@utk.edu.

BASKETBALL PARKING APPLICATIONS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 7

Applications for basketball parking passes have been mailed. Please remember that the applications need to be back to the VASF office by Tuesday, October 7, 2003. The parking passes will be shipped by UPS near the end of October. If you have questions about the application, please contact the VASF office at 865-974-1218 or vasf@utk.edu.

DUNKING IN THE DOMINICAN

From October 15-19, the Men's Basketball Team will be taking a pre-season trip to the Dominican Republic. Limited space is available on the plane for fans interested in traveling with the team. The per-person all inclusive prices are single ($2199), double ($1999), and children ($1299). To receive more information or a detailed itinerary, please contact World Travel at (865) 777-1600 or Claire Stone at (865) 974-1218.

HOOPAPALOOZA

Make plans to be at Thompson-Boling Arena Oct. 31 as the University of Tennessee's athletics departments open the doors to the arena for fans to meet men's and women's team, plus other student-athletes who will help Vols fans celebrate Halloween. There will be all kinds of games and contests and excitement for kids of all ages.

It all starts at 6 p.m. Admission is free and it will be a complete night of excitment, Big Orange style.

From the Desk of...

MIKE HAMILTON

It was an exciting month of September what with three home football games and a trip to Florida I can only describe as "very memorable." The 25 Millionth Fan promotion is going well and I'm excited about our new customer service initiatives.

I keep coming back to the core values I've talked about in the time since that day in mid-May when I was appointed AD. Let's take another look.

Core Value #3: We will manage our program with fiscal integrity and responsibility.

As I speak in the community, to alumni groups or anywhere else, I keep coming back to my desire to manage this program with fiscal integrity and responsibility. In these economic times, we must be able to get a dollar's worth of value from every dollar we receive from whatever source.

That was the reason we recently named Bill Myers as Chief Financial Officer for the University of Tennessee Men's and Women's Athletic Departments.

Bill will report directly to Joan Cronan and me, with oversight responsibilities in budgeting, coordinating accounting, financial and capital expenditures, managing cash flow and risk management for each Department. He will also be in charge of internal and external audits.

With the growth of our total budgets now exceeding $62 million, a figure which put us in the upper echelon of collegiate athletic departments, it is absolutely critical we focus on both the revenue and expense sides of the ledger. Bill's knowledge of University of Tennessee athletic programs, combined with his years of experience with Andersen Consulting, makes him the perfect choice for this position.

His experience is impressive, part of a resume that quickly got my attention. In his early days at UTAD that began in July 1998, he served two years as Assistant Director of Development, managing the daily operations of the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund (VASF), assisting in ticket assignment and working with donors. As Associate Director of Development from January 2000 to May 2001, he expanded his VASF duties with coordination of the Big Orange Caravan.

He was Director of Annual Giving from May 2001 to August 2002, helping manage the VASF to an all-time giving high of $13.26 million and overseeing daily operations of the annual giving program. Since August of last year, he has served as Assistant Athletics Director, Development.

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VASF DAY: LARGEST TAILGATE PARTY ON CAMPUS

Devoted kids, parents, couples and friends, mostly clad in orange, flocked to Knoxville's campus by the river Sept. 27 when the Tennessee Volunteers hosted the South Carolina Gamecocks. Rain didn't dampen the attendance of mobile homes, barbecues in truck beds and parking lots filled with of lawn chairs. It was just like any other fall Saturday on The Hill. But all the fun was inside the dry Thompson-Boling Arena before the game.

It was the largest tailgate party on campus as the Tennessee Athletics Department hosted its annual VASF Day prior to the Tennessee's showdown with the Gamecocks to honor Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund contributors.

"I think it's great," said contributor and regular VASF Day attendee Anita Swafford. "It brings everybody together, and I just love it. We get to see Smokey, the cheerleaders and the band. I love all of it."

Approximately 6000 people attended the event, which began at 5:15 and lasted until right before kickoff. Fans ate barbecue in the arena seats and watched the day's football games on the two JumboTrons.

On the floor, former Tennessee student Ward Guenther provided live music with his smooth guitar sounds. Basketball goals were set up to give a little taste of what's to come this winter, while other games and activities like an inflatable slide, quarterback challenge, clowns and face painting kept children busy throughout the two-hour event. A new aspect of the event gave fans the opportunity to purchase VASF Day shirts.

Student-athletes from various Tennessee men's sports signed autographs and talked with Vols fans. Meanwhile, the pep band, cheerleaders and dance team stopped by en route to Neyland Stadium to get the crowd ready for the game. Smokey the mascot and Smokey VIII, the bluetick coonhound, were also there to greet the fans.

"This gives us a chance to bring the kids," said VASF member Teresa Jackson, whose twin boys Carter and Hunter had their faces painted. "We enjoy it. It's a chance to come in, listen to music and meet some of Tennessee's athletes."

At the ends of the giant facility were two huge signs thanking Tennessee's contributors. It was only a written message, but it's what the entire event portrays.

"VASF donors do so much to help the Athletics Department and Volunteers student-athletes," says John Currie, associate athletics director for development. "This day is one way that we have a chance to say 'thank you.' It is always fun to see the real 'face' of the VASF - thousands of individuals from all over the state and country who, together, make a huge difference for Tennessee athletics."

Mark Carter, an intern in athletic development and organizer of this year's VASF Day, agrees that the event is to create a better relationship between the Athletics Department and those who make Tennessee athletics successful. "It's an opportunity for us to meet face to face with the people we talk with on the phone," Carter says. "I just think it's the ultimate Tennessee experience, as far as a fan is concerned, because they can make new friends and meet new people who love Tennessee athletics."

VASF Day is just that: a way for Tennessee fans and contributors to meet each other and have good, clean family fun before the Vols take to the gridiron. But it's also a way for the Athletics Department to celebrate the dedication and commitment shown by VASF members. Without individuals involved in the VASF, Tennessee athletics wouldn't be where it is today.

The VASF was founded in 1986 to grow Tennessee's men's athletic programs and allow them to compete among the nation's elite. Since its inception, the VASF has boosted the Tennessee Athletics Department's annual giving from half a million dollars in 1986 to over $20 million in 2002-03 for scholarships, endowments, capital projects and other needs. VASF Day began in 1992 and is simply another way the Athletics Department shows its appreciation to those who make success at Tennessee possible.

For more information on the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund and how to become part of the winning team, contact the VASF at (865) 974-1218.

by Josh Pate

Fans of all ages, like these two girls playing with the cheerleaders, took part in the festivities at Thompson-Boling Arena as part of the annual VASF Day. Below, Men's Athletics Director Mike Hamilton presents Michael and Kathy Bevins a gift for their Nathan Dougherty Society contribution.

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MEN'S GOLF PREVIEW...

The Tennessee men's golf team is set to host the 2003 Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions, Oct. 20-21, at Knoxville's Holston Hills Country Club. This marks the Vols' third tournament of the fall season, as they have tournaments at the Bank of Tennessee/Ridges Intercollegiate in Jonesborough, and the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Dalton, Ga. to start the season.

The Vols, a two-time tournament champion, looks to better its second-place finish of a year ago as they search for their first championship of the season. The tournament features several top teams from across the United States.

Three teams participating in the tournament advanced to last year's NCAA Championships at Kartsen Creek Golf Club in Stillwater, Okla. Southeastern Conference rivals No.25 Tennessee, No. 21 Auburn and Vanderbilt each savored success at the NCAA East Regional to move on to the finals.

Tennessee, who won titles in 1992 and 2001, is not the only past champion to play in the tournament. Auburn claimed top honors in 1991, while No. 22 East Tennessee State won two titles in 1995 and 1996.

Teams making their first appearance in the Tournament of Champions are James Madison, No. 17 Pepperdine, Rice and the Swedish National Team. The Swedish National Team marks the first time a foreign squad has competed in the tournament.

Other schools competing who have participated in the tournament in years past include Georgia Southern, Memphis, South Alabama, Southern Mississippi, Tulane and Virginia.

Last season, the Vols swept runner-up honors as the team was second to SEC-rival Georgia and David Skinns was second to Brandt Snedeker of Vanderbilt in the individual portion of the tournament.

After the Tournament of Champions, UT concludes the fall schedule by making its first appearance at The Landfall in Wilmington, N.C. North Carolina at Wilmington plays host to the event at Landfall Country Club, Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

To open the spring portion of the schedule, the Vols are set to play in the Suntrust Gator Invitational in Gainesville, Fla., Jan. 31-Feb. 2. This is the first time Tennessee has competed in this tournament since 2000.

Sawgrass Golf and Country club then awaits the Vols at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship, Feb. 8-10. Regarded as one of the top tournaments in the spring, it brings in some of the nation's best teams and will undoubtedly provide a stiff test for Kelson and his squad.

To open the month of March, Tennessee travels to Southern California to participate in the Cleveland Golf Collegiate Classic, March 1-2, at North Ranch Country Club. The Vols competed in this tournament last season and look to improve upon their mid-field finish of 8th.

From March 8-9, UT returns to Lafayette, La., after a year's absence to compete in the Louisiana Classic at Oakbourne

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Country Club. Tennessee competed in this tournament in 2001, claiming top honors at the rain-shortened event.

After a week-and-a-half break, the Volunteers return to action at the Schenkel/E-Z-Go Invitational, March 20-21. As always, the tournament will be played at the challenging Forest Heights Country Club.

To conclude the regular season, Tennessee travels to Raleigh, N.C., for The Intercollegiate April 9-10. The Vols competed in this tournament last season, turning in a midfield finish of seventh.

The Southeastern Conference Championships begins postseason play for the Vols, April 16-18. Once again, the tournament will be played at The Seaside Course in Sea Island, Ga.

Yale University plays host to this year's NCAA East Regional, May 20-22, at the Yale University Course. Last season in regional competition the Vols notched their highest finish in the history of the program, trying for fourth.

UT looks to make it two years in a row and qualify for the NCAA Championships in Hot Springs, Va. The Cascades Golf Course at The Homestead will play host to this year's event.

To combat this tough schedule, Tennessee will rely on its junior class, which consists of three individuals who helped carry the Vols to their first NCAA Championships appearance since 1997. Juniors David Skinns (shown at left), Ross McGowan and John Scott Rattan all competed last year, with each golfer recording at least two top-10 finishes.

Last season Skinns (picture left) was named first team All-SEC and a third team All-America. He led the team with the lowest stroke average of 72.10, as well as six top-10 finishes. Included in the top 10 finishes were three second places at the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions, Seminole Intercollegiate and North Carolina State Intercollegiate.

McGowan ended last season with a scoring average of 74.34 and two top 10 finishes, with his highest being seventh at the Turtle Bay Intercollegiate. Rattan was right behind McGowan with a 74.42 average. He had three top 10s with his best finish coming at the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions, finishing tied for fifth.

by Douglas Blair

LETTERMEN NEWS...

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

One of the things I am going to implement during my term as president is keeping the membership informed about ideas we are working on and things that are in the planning stages. Our board is a working board and I welcome your input and suggestions.

At our annual summer meeting in August, Men's Athletics Director Mike Hamilton stopped by to lend his support and say talk with us. From that meeting, I am pleased to announce that our board approved a $50,000 gift to the Athletics Department's STEP UP Campaign - a comprehensive capital campaign to raise $44.25 million for new, renovated and expanded facilities benefiting 17 of UT's 20 men's and women's intercollegiate teams. These improvements are designed to enable UT to continue competing for SEC and NCAA championships in each sport.

We are also working on improving our Web site, planning a fall golf tournament, outlining a new lettermen's directory, and having board representatives in Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga and Atlanta to assist with out of town meetings.

I welcome your suggestions and ideas. I can be contacted by e-mail at rensor@icx.net, work (865) 693-3232 or at home (865) 671-6547.

GO BIG ORANGE!

Rusty Ensor
T-Club President

T-CLUB NEWS

* - Join all Lettermen in the T-Club room at Thompson-Boling Arena before the Georgia game for fun and good food. Doors will open three and a half hours before kickoff. Food will begin being served two and a half hours before kickoff and will end either 30 minutes before kickoff or until it runs out.

Also on the same weekend of the Georgia game, members of the 1978 men's swimming national championship team will hold a reunion and will also be honored on the field as part of the halftime festivities as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of their national championship.

For more information on this reunion please contact the men's swimming and diving office at (865) 974-1258.

* - If you would like to nominate someone to be an Honorary Letterman, please do so. Please be aware that just being a loyal Vol fan does not qualify a person to be an Honorary Letterman (see following criteria). Nominations are due by Nov. 1, 2003.

Honorary Membership may be bestowed on any individual for outstanding service or achievement reflecting favorably on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and its athletic programs. Honorary Membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors and is reserved for the highest accomplishments and service to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Athletics Department.

Also, each year a letterman is chosen for our Service Award. This award is given to letterwinners whose service to the University of Tennessee, the Athletics Department and their community has highly distinguished them. Please send a nomination for any letterman you believe qualifies for this award. Nominations are due by Nov. 1.

* - The annual alumni baseball game has been scheduled Friday, Oct. 31. Call the baseball office at (865) 974-2057 for more information.

* - Fall Lettermen's Weekend is set for Nov. 14-15 when the Vols take on Mississippi State. Our annual dinner will be held at Club LeConte Nov. 14, and the annual general meeting will be held in the Ray Mears Room at Thompson-Boling Arena before the game on Saturday. We will continue our tradition of forming the Lettermen's tunnel as the team returns to the field for the second half.

* - The Board recognized outgoing T-Club president Wendell Anderson at our last board meeting, held Thursday, Sept. 4.

* - Keep up to date on Lettermen's Club upcoming events and information at **www.utsports.com** and **www.utladyvols.com**.

* - The Jimmy (Cowboy) Hill Lettermen's Golf Tournament will be Friday, April 16, 2004. The Orange and White football game is set for Saturday, April 17, 2004.

* - We would like to congratulate all of the men and women who not only served their country but this University in international competition. Gold medals were won by former Volunteer Tom Pappas (decathlon) and former Lady Vol Kelli White (100m and 200m). Chris Haggard (tennis) competed in the U.S. Open in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. Tim Mack placed sixth at the World Championships held in Paris, France, while Gary Kikaya just missed the finals of the 400m at the World Championships. Anthony Famiglietti led the U.S. steeplechase duo after securing a bronze medal with a third-place finish at the Pan-Am Games. Other student-athletes competing were: C.J. Watson (basketball); Loree Moore (basketball); Bryan Goldberg (swimming) and Phillip Jones (diving); David Skinns and Andrew Pratt (golf); Simon Rea, Mark Dietrich and Damien Spizzo (tennis); Rhian Wilkinson (soccer- Canadian team); Young-A Yang, Abby Pearson and Stacey Bergman (golf); Stacey Jennings and Monica Abbott (softball); Lauryn McCalley and former Lady Vols Jamie Sanger and Pam Hanson (diving); Tammy Encina (tennis); Dee Dee Trotter (track); and Michelle Piantadosi (volleyball). Congrats to them all on outstanding performances.

We are saddened to hear of the death of one of our Honorary Letterman. Honorary letterman Ken Rice passed away Sept. 2 in Knoxville. He was an important part of the Vol basketball program during the Mears years.

Our condolences go out to Mr. Rice's family and friends.

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T-CLUB MAKES GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

One of the best-kept secrets in town is the Tennessee Letterman's T-Club and its contributions to the UT program. After you read this, that secret will be like taking the cat out of the bag.

Not that the T-Club doesn't do a lot for the athletics program already.

It helps keep former Vol players involved with the program and, each year, helps keep the camaraderie alive that Lettermen have traditionally shared over the years. The Lettermen's activities, such as the golf tournament each fall and spring and the annual picnics and "must-attend" events for the old Vols. It's special. No doubt about it.

The Lettermen's Wall in front of the Neyland-Thompson Center on campus, built with money raised by the T-Club from its membership, also stands in tribute to the role the T-Club plays in making things better, athletics-wise, on campus.

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T-Club president
Rusty Ensor

Hardly a day goes by that someone isn't carefully examining the wall, searching for the name of a favorite Vol player or coach. When the name is carefully rubbed on a piece of paper, it's a great moment to watch from afar.

What you may not know, however, is that the T-Club has also put its money where its collective mouth is. It's a classic example of saying "thank you," of giving something back.

Here are two examples.

When the Thornton Center was being built, the T-Club chipped in with a $50,000 donation. You can find their name on the plaque outside the building.

"When the Thornton Center was proposed in the late 1990s," T-Club president Rusty Ensor, a former Vol baseball player, said, "we thought it was a facility that would benefit all student-athletes. Our bylaws clearly reference the desire of the club to help the University. The Board believed it was a good, well-rounded gift."

The same was true when the STEP UP Campaign came calling this year. The T-Club put another $50,000 in the program.

The former athletes are "stepping up,'" if you will, to help the younger athletes, the young men and women in Orange and White who are carrying on the UT tradition.

He said it was the same idea that caused them to support STEP UP. "We believed we were in a position to make a difference, to help pursue excellence in all sports," he said. "STEP UP fit into that category. There was no better way to help improve the facilities for our student-athletes. We brought it up at our summer meeting and everyone was for it."

"The Athletic Department has been very supportive of our efforts. Coach Dickey came by our meetings to offer his support for our projects. We think Mike Hamilton will do the same thing.

"We had a good discussion about STEP UP. We try to do things the right way, to benefit all student-athletes. We value everybody's opinion. We have representatives from every sport and try to bring in as many perspectives as possible. We have an active, working board."

That active working board, as well as the overall membership, has taken two great strides in their support of the Thornton Center and their support of STEP UP. The old Vols aren't far away from the program and have shown their loyalty and desire to support those who have followed them and those who will.

by Tom Mattingly

STEP UP TO PROVIDE NEW SOFTBALL FACILITY

Softball coaches Ralph and Karen Weekly are ready to take the next step.

They're excited about moving the Tennessee Lady Vols' softball program towards a bright future, and that's evident after last season's accomplishments. But a successful future includes a new softball facility.

Although Tennessee's stock in softball has consistently risen, the program still seeks a permanent facility it can call home. However, that will change, thanks to STEP UP – the comprehensive capital campaign to raise $44.25 million for new, renovated and expanded facilities benefiting 17 of Tennessee's 20 men's and women's intercollegiate teams.

Plans are to build a new softball complex that will feature chairback seating, dugouts, locker rooms, rest rooms , press box and concession facilities, all funded through STEP UP. To attract student-athletes and win titles, Tennessee must provide top-of-the-line facilities for its teams.

"The STEP UP Campaign is extremely important to every athletic team at Tennessee," Ralph Weekly says. "But I think it's even more important to the non-revenue sports, because we need the support of the fan base to boost our program to the top echelon. Softball is an exciting, fast-paced sport that is very fan-friendly. And a new facility is important for the fans."

The first project funded from the STEP UP Campaign was the Wolf-Kaplan Hospitality Center, located near the Vols' football locker room in the north end of Neyland Stadium.

On a typical home football Saturday, more than 400 prospective student-athletes and their parents are entertained prior to the game in the Wolf-Kaplan Hospitality Center. Prior to last year's Tennessee-Miami football game, the softball program entertained one of the nation's most sought-after pitchers in the nation, Monica Abbott.

After visiting Tennessee and catching a glimpse of the school's commitment to softball and women's athletics, Abbott is now a freshman with the Lady Vols. "Although Monica is a great player, she is even a better person," Karen Weekly said. "We are proud that she will represent UT as a Lady Vols softball player."

Abbott, who is from Salinas, Calif., has earned numerous accolades in high school for her softball and basketball prowess, as she was named all-state, all-county and all-league. She was also tabbed as the California High School Sports Bay Area Player of the Year and Athlete of the Year, and she received Prep Female Athlete of the Year honors from the Monterey Herald.

A new softball facility will bring more student-athletes like Abbot to the Tennessee softball program.

"A new facility is a major component of recruiting in any sport," Ralph Weekly says. "Our current facility is the oldest in the SEC. However, with that facility, we've been fortunate enough to have the ninth-ranked recruiting class, and this year's class is among the top three in the nation. To continue to have the success we've had in recruiting, our facility has to be as good as our opponents' facilities."

The Lady Vols' freshmen are receiving a little national exposure, as well. Two newcomers were invited to the U.S. Olympic trials, with one making the world team. Tennessee sophomore pitcher/outfielder Stacey Jennings was also invited to the USA Softball Women's Olympic Team Selection Camp in Chula Vista, Calif., in early October.

The new batch of recruits, combined with the national experience to be gained this year, has the Lady Vols looking to build upon last year's successes.

The Lady Vols finished the 2003 season with a 45-25 record, the second-most victories in the young program's history. The Weeklys guided the Lady Vols past four-time defending SEC champ LSU in Tennessee's first-ever win at Baton Rouge. They took the Lady Vols past SEC powerhouse and top-seeded Georgia in a dramatic upset in the conference tournament, where UT finished fourth. They took Tennessee to the brink of an NCAA bid with a youthful squad. But the Weeklys didn't stop at wins and losses. Most importantly, the co-head coaches instilled a sense of pride, respect and promise in Lady Vols softball.

Since its addition as an intercollegiate sport in 1995, a strong foundation has been laid for the Tennessee softball program, which includes an impressive 180-94 record and seven All-SEC selections. The Lady Vols won the SEC Eastern Division crown and received their first NCAA bid in 1999.

But there's one more step for the Weeklys and the softball program to make – they need a new stadium. Competing for an SEC title and a trip to the Women's College World Series takes dedication and commitment from coaches, players and the University. It also takes dedication and commitment from fans and supporters of the University of Tennessee. Thanks to the commitment of supporters, the softball program can have an attractive facility that provides healthy playing conditions for the student-athletes.

The STEP UP Campaign continues to provide Tennessee's student-athletes with the best facilities in which to compete. Ralph and Karen Weekly are looking to take Tennessee softball to another level with a new softball complex. And they can, courtesy of the STEP UP Campaign. "Karen and I have been amazed by the support we've had from the Athletics Department since we've been at Tennessee," Ralph Weekly says. "We are indebted to the contributors and supporters of Tennessee athletics."

For more information concerning the STEP UP Campaign and how to be involved in assisting all Tennessee men's and women's athletic programs in taking another step, please contact John Currie or Scott Rabenold at (865) 974-1218.

Co-Head Softball Coaches Karen and Ralph Weekly

THORNTON ATHLETICS STUDENT LIFE CENTER...

SAAC FALL RETREAT 2003

GOALS FOR THE DAY:
*To understand the importance of leadership

*To discover different styles of leadership the meaning of leadership
*To learn skills that make an effective leader

ACTIVITIES:
*Icebreakers/games
*Talk by Associate Dean of Students J.J. Brown
*Team-building exercises with the U.S. Marine Corps
*Discussion about leadership by example and the responsibilities of leadership
*SAAC meeting and subcommittee assignments

MEMBERS:
Baseball - Luke Hochevar
Women's Basketball - Ashley Robinson
Women's Golf - Jessica Shepley, Golda Johansson
Rowing - Katie Bargreen
Softball - Kim Anders, Lauren Mattox
Women's Swimming - Abbi Terveer
Men's Tennis - Wade Orr, Rawl Martin
Men's Track - Matt Dressler, Damond Campbell
Volleyball - Michelle Piantadosi

Men's Basketball - Stanley Asumnu
Men's Golf - Chris Robinson
Football - Jason Respert, Parys Haralson, Jason Mitchell
Soccer - Nikki Bratta, Talia Wright
Men's Swimming - Evan Nylander
Women's Diving - Lauryn McCalley
Women's Tennis - Erin Cohn, Melissa Schaub
Women's Track - Jamie Rebella, Jessica Reust

SMOKEY COMPETES FOR NATIONAL CROWN

For the second consecutive year Smokey has been chosen to compete for scholarship prizes as part of Capital One's All-America Mascot Team. The competition began Sept. 4 nationwide as 12 mascots from across the country are competing for a chance to win $10,000 in scholarships for their school.

Smokey is paired with SEC conference rivals Hairy Dawg from Georgia, Cocky from South Carolina, Aubie from Auburn, Albert from Florida and Scratch from Kentucky. Other mascots include Harry the Husky from Washington, YoUDee from Delaware, Monte from Montana, Big Red from Western Kentucky, Brutus Buckeye from Ohio State and Chip from Colorado.

The contest runs through Dec. 22 with the winner being announced during halftime activites at the 2004 Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando. To vote for Smokey, fans can go to the utsports.com website and click on the Spirit Squads icon. Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the Capital One All-America Mascot Team link. Capital One allows fans to vote once a day. Be sure to look for our next issue for a complete story on Smokey and the All-America team.

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Ashlyn Bryant
Cole Calfee
Chad Collins
Justin Elder
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Kaitlyn Gardner
Michael Geogley
Chad Gregory
Haley Griffin
John Griggs
Cody Hartness
Lily Haskins
Josh Jett
Ryan Jones
Kristen Lavender
Anthony McClellan
Ryan McElrath
Patrick McGhee
Drew Ozier
Cody Paul
Bailey Pell
Joshua Porter
Cody Sawyers
Amiee Sosebee
Blake Stansberry
Reece Stevens
Jaimee Taylor

LADY VOLS PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE

SOCCER

Oct. 3 — Mississippi State — 7 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol Key Caps
-Fraternity/Sorority Night
-Military, KPD, UTPD, KFD Weekend: One free admission per ID
-ROTC Weekend: Any member wearing uniform or T-shirt will be admitted free
-Win prizes from Chick-fil-A Prize Wheel
-Free Hair Cuts courtesy of the Tennessee School of Beauty

Oct. 5 — Mississippi — 2 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol License Plates
-Knox County Recreation League Day
-Girl Scout Day: Girl Scouts in uniform will receive free admission
-Toyota Knoxville Scooter Competition

Oct. 10 — Florida — 7 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol Golf Tees
-Free Hair Cuts courtesy of the Tennessee School of Beauty
-Half-time Fireworks Show
-Toyota Knoxville Scooter Competition

Oct. 12 — South Carolina — 2 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol Trading Cards
-Meet the Team Day
-Knox County School Day
-Boy Scout Day: Free admission to Boy Scouts in uniform
-Toyota Knoxville Scooter give-away

VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 10 — South Carolina — 7 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol Key Chains

Oct. 12 — Kentucky — 2 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol Autograph Cards
-Cheer Clinic: Children are invited to participate in a pre-event cheer clinic put on by the Lady Vol cheerleaders.
-Girl Scout Day: Girl Scouts in uniform will receive free admission
-The Lady Vol Volleyball Team will host a clinic for all girl scouts in attendance following the game
-Meet The Team Afternoon: Immediately following the match
-Free Hair Cuts courtesy of the Tennessee School of Beauty

Oct. 17 — Auburn — 7 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol Magnetic Picture Frames
-ROTC/Military Night: ROTC groups and military groups in the Knoxville area are invited to attend the match for free. They will receive free admission by wearing their uniform or something with their ROTC/military logo on it.

Oct. 19 — Alabama — 2 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol Round Stick Pens
-Knox County School System Afternoon
-High School Day
-Knoxville News-Sentinel Afternoon
-Free Hair Cuts courtesy of the Tennessee School of Beauty

Oct. 31 — Florida — In Thompson-Boling Arena — 6 p.m.
-GIVEAWAY - First 200 fans will receive Lady Vol License Plates
-Trick or Treat Before Hoopapalooza: Come and Trick or Treat at the volleyball match before Hoopapalooza

"ONE POINT AT A TIME" PRODUCES STRONG START

With a youthful squad featuring two juniors, six sophomores, six freshmen and no seniors, head coach Rob Patrick's Tennessee Lady Vols are taking the 2003 season "One Point at a Time" as they attempt to travel down the pathway to success.

Although the team is young, Tennessee returned four starters from a group that posted 20 wins and qualified for the SEC Tournament last year. In addition, UT welcomed an athletic collection of newcomers tabbed as the No. 20 recruiting class in the nation by Volleyball Magazine. These factors have combined to give the Lady Vols reason to have a positive outlook as prepare for the Southeastern Conference season.

While Tennessee is taking things one point at a time, the team, as always, has set some lofty goals for itself. Patrick and his staff, comprised of third-year assistant coach Mike Minnis and new assistant Cindy Young, feel positive about these goals, not only because of the talent on the team, but because of the student-athletes' enthusiastic outlooks.

"We had a successful season last year, but what's great about this team is that they were not satisfied with what we accomplished," Patrick emphasized. "We didn't win the SEC Tournament, which is always the objective at Tennessee, and we didn't reach the NCAA Tournament, which is another goal we always strive for as a program. We need to be playing for the conference championship and qualify for NCAAs every year. Our players definitely understand what needs to be accomplished, and they have exerted a tremendous amount of time and effort in preparation to help make it a reality."

So far, the Lady Vols' approach seems to be working well, as the team has forged a 7-2 mark through the first three weeks of the season. UT opened the year in triumphant fashion at the University of Maryland Invitational, downing the host Terrapins by a 3-1 count on Aug. 29. The following day, Tennessee hoped to continue its hot start against Michigan State, a team ranked 15th in the nation as of Sept. 15, but suffered a tough 3-2 loss. The Lady Vols rebounded quickly though, disposing of Villanova, 3-0, later in the afternoon. Despite the setback by the Spartans, UT came away from the tournament knowing that it could play with some of the top teams in the nation.

The orange and white's next competition came at the SBC/Sands Regency Invitational in Reno, Nev., where the Lady Vols knew they would face tough competition in Arizona State, which returned all six starters from a group that advanced to the third round of last year's NCAA Tournament, and Nevada, a team which has qualified for NCAAs each of the last two seasons. In the event's opening match on Sept. 5, Tennessee started quickly and blanked the host Wolf Pack, 3-0. In its next match, however, UT was in for a much tougher test against the mighty Sun Devils. ASU forced the Big Orange into its second five-game match of the season, but this time UT emerged victorious with a 3-2 win over the Pac-10 Conference foe. After finishing the tournament with an easy 3-0 win against Gonzaga, Tennessee brought a four-match win streak and 5-1 overall record back to Rocky Top for the Toyota Knoxville Lady Vol Classic over Sept. 12-13.

At home for the initial time this year, the Lady Vols continued their winning ways with a 3-0 sweep of Cal State Fullerton. A day later, the Big Orange extended its win streak to six matches with another sweep of East Tennessee State. In the tournament's final match, Tennessee again played a thrilling, five-game match against a team from the Wolverine State, this time falling to the University of Michigan, which returned five starters after advancing to the 2002 NCAA Tournament. Despite the loss, UT again received conformation that it has the ability to compete with some of the NCAA's elite teams.

"Our team is a little further along at this point in the season than even I had expected," Patrick said. "With so many new players on the court, we are playing more consistently than I had hoped at such an early stage in the year."

During Tennessee's early season success, several key individuals have been frequently collecting tournament honors. Sophomore middle blocker Kristen Andre, sophomore setter Julie Knytych and freshman middle blocker Sarah Blum have each notched all-tournament team honors twice, while Amy Morris, a sophomore outside hitter who transferred from Penn State, collected tournament MVP honors at the SBC/Sands Regency Invitational in Reno, Nev.

After nine matches, Andre leads the team with 3.24 kills per

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Head Coach Rob Patrick

game and a hitting percentage of .417 to go along with 0.97 blocks per game. Blum, named a "Fab 50" recruit by Volleyball Magazine, has lived up to her billing by averaging 2.85 KPG, 1.15 BPG and a .358 hitting percentage. Morris, also a "Fab 50" player while in high school, has registered 3.10 KPG while leading UT with 3.24 digs per game. With a year of experience under her belt, Knytych has been extremely effective in running the Lady Vols' offense, distributing 11.47 assists per game, along with 2.97 DPG. Additionally, Knytych's setting has helped Tennessee out-hit its opponents .263 to .184 through nine matches. Also providing support to UT's offensive thrust have been junior Michelle Piantadosi, who is third on the squad with 3.00 kills per game, and freshman Jennifer Rudy, who is averaging 1.47 KPG and a .288 hitting percentage.

In addition to a productive offense, strong defense has also been a key to the Big Orange's early season success. Thanks to the solid play of middle blockers Andre, Blum and sophomore Heather Harrington, Tennessee has out-blocked its opponents by an average of 2.54 to 1.68 blocks per game. If the ball does get past the blockers, UT's back row play has been outstanding as well. Five Lady Vols, including Morris and Knytych, are averaging better than two and a half digs per game. Sophomore Jasmine Fullove has recorded 3.12 digs per game, freshman Cynthia Buggs has notched 2.88 DPG and junior Whitney Gifford is registering 2.62 DPG.

UT's final non-conference test before beginning SEC competition came at the Blue Demon Invitational in Chicago over Sept. 19-20, at which the Lady Vols faced host DePaul, IUPUI and Miami (Ohio). The following weekend, Tennessee opened SEC play at home against Ole Miss at 7 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 26, and Mississippi State at 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 28.

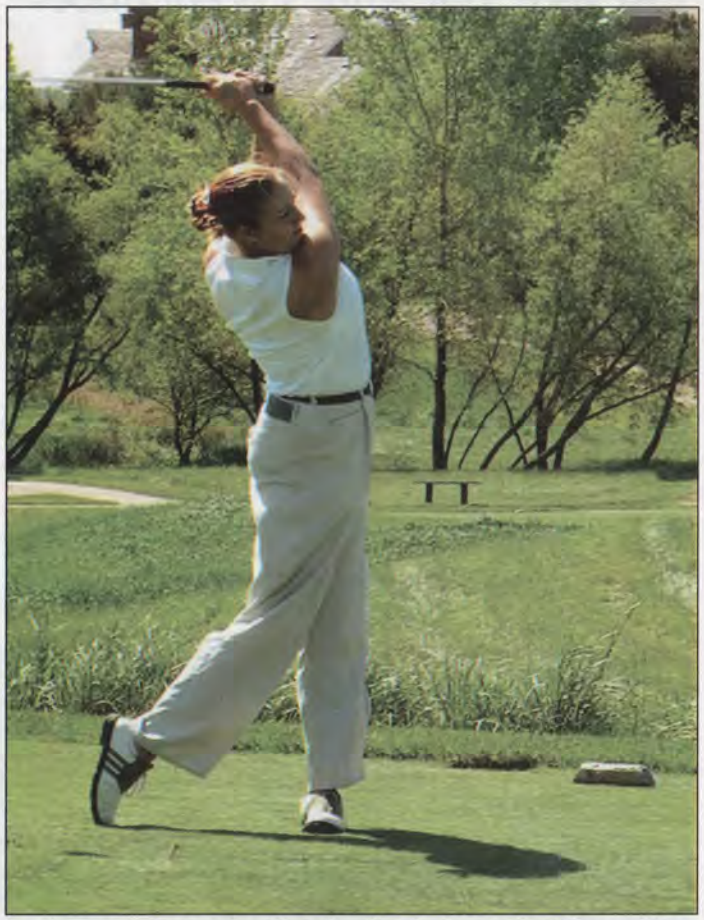
As taxing as Tennessee's pre-conference schedule has been, SEC play will be even more demanding for the Lady Vols. No. 3 Florida, which has won 12-straight regular-season SEC titles and 10 of the last 11 tournament crowns, appears to be strong once again and in the hunt for the NCAA championship. In addition, South Carolina, which reached the NCAA second round last year, has another solid team ready to challenge for the SEC Eastern Division crown.

"The SEC is as strong as it has ever been since I joined the league seven years ago," Patrick explained. "In turn, that makes this the most competitive conference season we've ever been a part of. I'm excited about the possibilities this season will present, in that we'll be able to play against more regionally and nationally-ranked teams than at any time during my Lady Vol tenure."

No doubt, UT must continue to take the season "One Point at a Time" and be ready to play every time it hits the floor if the Lady Vols hope to be contending for a league championship at the SEC Tournament in Columbia, S.C., over Nov. 21-23.

by Adam Love

MERCEDES-BENZ SWINGS INTO SEVENTH YEAR



Junior captain Jessica Shepley leads the Lady Vols and is a consistent scorer.

In 1997, a new tradition began in the collegiate women's golf world: the Mercedes-Benz Women's Collegiate Championships. Established by the UT Women 's Athletics Department with the support of Mercedes-Benz of North America, top-notch women's golf has found a home in Knoxville.

Hosting a quality golf tournament was one of the goals set forth by Tennessee when women's golf became a varsity sport 12 years ago. Women's Athletics Director Joan Cronan and volunteer assistant coach Ann Furrow laid the foundation for such an event. With the support of title sponsor Mercedes-Benz and many presenting sponsors, the program reached its goal with the inaugural tournament.

Now entering its seventh year, the fall tournament continues to showcase the premier women's golf programs from across the nation. Over the past six years, more than half of the field has been comprised of top 25 teams.

Additionally, some of the country's top individuals highlight the lineup. Held at Fox Den Country Club, the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championships span three days. The tournament features 17 teams. Participants have a chance to challenge the nation's best golfers and see international competition. Tournament events also provide golf fans with a weekend of excitement.

The event is kicked off with practice rounds and the rules dinner. The evening following the first round is highlighted by the Legends Banquet, honoring two individuals who made a significant contribution to women's golf in the U.S. Closing ceremonies after Tuesday's final round recognize the tournament's team and individual champions.

STRONG FIELD MAKES RUN AT TITLE

The tradition of excellence continues into the seventh year of the tournament. Among the 17 teams competing at the 2003 event, eight were positioned among the top 25 teams in the preseason edition of the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index Ratings. Additionally, eight players were among the Golfweek top 50 returning individuals list.

No. 3 Ohio State looks to improve on a fourth-place finish at the 2003 NCAA Championships. The Buckeyes are loaded with two out of the top-50 Golfweek preseason returnees, and are led by preseason All-American junior Kristen White, who opened the season as the sixth-ranked player in the nation.

Senior Allison Hanna should also be a solid contributor to OSU. The Oklahoma State Cowgirls, ranked fourth by Golfweek in the preseason, will participate in the Mercedes-Benz Championships for the first time in the program's history. Oklahoma State also nabbed two preseason top-50 Golfweek players as junior Annie Thurman paced the Cowgirls with an 11th rating, closely followed by sophomore Karin Sjodin's No. 13.

The host team, the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers, ranked a preseason seventh by Golfweek, will look to bring home the Mercedes-Benz team trophy for the first time. Last year, the orange and white finished 10th. UT is led by junior team captain Jessica Shepley, who comes into the tourney as a preseason second-team All-American, and the fifth-ranked preseason player in the nation in sophomore Violeta Retamoza. Head coach Judi Pavon also has seniors Mary Jan Fernandez and Tai Perry, junior Teesha Ash, sophomore Golda Johansson and freshman Holly Cantwell as her disposal.

Ash and Cantwell will be making their Fox Den debut wearing the orange and white. Ash, however, is not new to the Mercedes-Benz as she played previously while at Ole Miss in 2000. She placed 66th with a 249 (87-80-82).

Southeastern Conference member No. 10 Georgia, returns to the Mercedes-Benz field after a one-year hiatus. The Bulldogs could make an impact this year as they boast the 23rd-ranked returning player in the country in sophomore Kelly Froelich. After a third-place tie in 2001, Georgia hopes to get back to its winning ways at the Mercedes-Benz as the Bulldogs captured the 1999 title.

Fellow SEC squad South Carolina brings the No. 12 Golfweek ranking into this season's field. Similar to Georgia, USC returns to the Mercedes-Benz after a one-year break and hopes to better its 13th-place finish in 2001. Senior Adrienne Gautreaux leads the Gamecocks.

No. 17 Tulane will assault the Fox Den Country Club for the first time in tournament history this year. Sophomore Liliana Alvarez brings

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In their first year as a Tennessee Corporate Partner, Proffitt's and Tennessee Athletics both share a similar philosophy. Both strongly believe in their brand while creating great customer relationships and fostering customer loyalty. Proffitt's sponsorship of Volunteer Village extends the scope of their great customer relationships, promoting the value of their customer, and customer's loyalty. "We are thrilled to have Proffitt's involved in our Corporate Partner program," said Chip Bryant, Assistant Athletic Director, Marketing. "Having a hometown company involved in one of our football traditions is a perfect match. Proffitt's has added to the excitement of Volunteer Village."

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MAKING TIMELY DECISIONS

Be patient. For a distance runner this two-word command is perhaps as profane a pronouncement as exists. Patience is blasphemy in a sport requiring a need for speed, the headlong rush to get better faster.

Cross country is a sport where indeed the enemy can be of human variety wearing racing colors of another school. However, often the more maddening enemy announces its presence with the ever-present clock ticking the seconds away between victory and defeat with a cold, mechanical precision.

As distasteful as the notion of patience may be for the Vol harriers, the theme arises consistently when talking with head cross country coach George Watts.

"Patience, as always, will be a key to this year's team's success," Watts said.

The good folks at dictionary.com define patient in several ways, including "persevering; constant; exhibiting calm endurance of pain, difficulty, provocation, or annoyance."

It's also the chief ingredient in Watts' recipe for success in 2003. With the loss of many of the pieces of the Vol puzzle following two consecutive trips to the NCAA Championships, Watts knows the only way to get better fast is slowly and steadily.

"I expect this team to battle for an NCAA qualifying spot," Watts said. "This year's team is similar to the 2001 group in that we are a young squad. We will need to be patient early in order to run well later."

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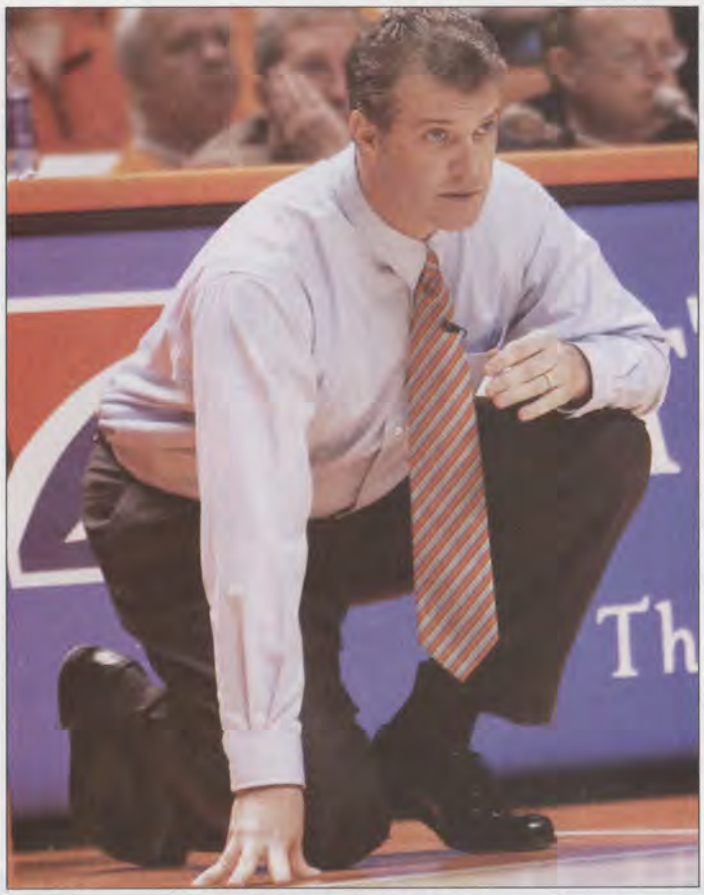

To say that Buzz Peterson's third season at the University of Tennessee will feature a young team would be somewhat of an understatement.

For the second time in as many years the Vols will field a team that has no more than two players with much more than one full season of experience. In 2002-03 Peterson molded a team that featured just two players with more than 32 games of playing experience at the University of Tennessee into one of the top teams in the Southeastern Conference. This year he is faced with the challenge of leading a team that has just one player who has been at Tennessee for more than one season.

"I hate to describe us as a young team, but that's what we are," said Peterson, who is 32-28 in two seasons at Tennessee and 137-78 in seven years as a head coach. "It is a team that is fairly young as far as minutes go, but I think it is talented enough. We are trying to build a program. The great thing about this team is that everyone will return the following year."

The Volunteer roster is void of any seniors and lists just three scholarship juniors, five sophomores and three freshmen.

The most experienced player in the Tennessee lineup is redshirt junior Brandon Crump. The 6-foot-10 forward has started 46 of his 59 games while averaging 9.0 points per game during his career. The player with the second-most experience is sophomore point guard C.J. Watson. In his rookie season at Tennessee, Watson led the team and the Southeastern Conference by averaging 35.8 minutes per game.

With a proven post player, one of the top point guards in the conference and several talented youngsters, the Vols have a strong foundation for a great program.

"I think we've got a great foundation," Peterson said. "I think this team has great chemistry. Everyone on the team will accept their role and understand their role. I think this team has tremendous chemistry.

"I'm excited about this year's team. I've asked Brandon Crump to step up his numbers again, similar to what he did between his freshman and sophomore years. We don't have a lot of depth in the post so the emphasis on (Major) Wingate, (Boomer) Herndon and (Jemere) Hendrix will pick up a little bit more."

LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP

After losing established leaders such as Ron Slay and Jon Higgins last season, leadership will be the key for the Volunteers to be successful. Both C.J. Watson and Brandon Crump will be looked for to help mentor some of the younger players on the squad.

"I think that playing point guard, C.J. has to provide some kind of leadership, but I think the key will be Crump," Buzz Peterson said. "He's had more minutes and he's been in this program the longest. He is someone who has to be the guy for us. He has to be a coach for us and hold everyone else accountable for their actions."

Crump and Watson won't be asked to shoulder the entire load though. This year will be an opportunity for several of the younger players to make a name for themselves. Returning players Stanley Asumnu, Boomer Herndon, John Winchester and Justin Albrecht all made key contributions to the team last season and will be asked for more this year.

VOLS GET EARLY START TO SEASON WITH TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Buzz Peterson will get a preview of the 2003-04 version of the Vols when they take a preseason trip to the Dominican Republic. Tennessee will play three exhibition games on the Caribbean island during the University's fall break, Oct. 16-19.

With three freshmen and two transfers joining the Vols this season, the timing for this trip couldn't have been better.

"This is a great time to take the trip we are going on," Peterson said. "With only one guy on the team having played more than one year, this will let our team get more experience early in the year. The following year we'll have everyone back. Then, we should be well on our way."

NCAA rules allow schools to have 10 days of practice before embarking on their trips overseas. By taking their trip in mid-October, the Vols will be able to begin their practices before the official first day of practice for schools on Oct. 18.

"The good thing about this year is that with the Caribbean trip, we will be able to start practice early," Peterson said. "That will give us a chance to get to know some things early on before we come back and start exhibition season. That is a big advantage for this year."

TWO TRANSFERS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS AFTER SPENDING SEASON AS WALK-ONS

While three freshmen figure to play major roles for the Vols, it is a pair of transfers who may make the biggest impact on the court.

Scooter McFadgon, a transfer from Memphis, and Jemere Hendrix, a transfer from Clemson, attended Tennessee during the 2002-03 season, practicing with the Vols while attending school as walk-ons. Now, they have both earned scholarships and will look to contribute in games.

McFadgon was the third leading scorer on Memphis' 2002 NIT championship team with 9.9 points per game. An outside threat who is not afraid to take the big shot, McFadgon made 37.2 percent of his three-point attempts as a sophomore for the Tigers.

Hendrix played just eight games at Clemson before suffering a

season-ending stress fracture in his right foot early in the season. Although he averaged just 2.4 points and 1.5 rebounds as a freshman for Clemson, Hendrix established himself as a relentless offensive rebounder in UT's practices last season.

BUSY SUMMER FOR THE VOLS

No sooner was the 2002-03 season over that the Vols began preparing for the next campaign. Tennessee is coming off one of the busiest summers in recent memory as virtually all of the players were on campus for at least one session of summer school and some were playing in various tournaments around the world.

C.J. Watson may have received the biggest boost from his summer experience. The Las Vegas native was named to the 12-player 2003 USA Basketball Men's Junior World Championship Team that competed in the Global Games in Dallas and in the FIBA World Championships in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Also receiving experience playing in the Global Games over the summer was freshman center Major Wingate. The 6-foot-10 Wingate helped lead the Global Select team to the championship game of the tournament, where they fell to Watson's Team USA squad.

A pair of Tennessee's frontcourt mates also got added experience in August when they attend Pete Newell's Big Man Camp in Las Vegas. Brandon Crump and Boomer Herndon attended the legendary coach's camp before the end of summer. Crump attended the camp for the second year in a row, while Herndon went for the first time.

PERIMETER PLAYERS

Nine of Tennessee's 14 squad members play on the perimeter, so the Vols will have a lot of depth outside the paint. Depending how each of the players develop, the Vols could have as many as four perimeter players on the court at a time.

Despite the quantity of returning and new players, Tennessee lost two of its three starting perimeter players from last year's squad.

The Vols' outside scoring threats took the biggest hit with the loss of Jon Higgins and Thaydeus Holden. Higgins finished his career at Tennessee ranking fourth all-time with 209 career three-pointers and fifth by making 39.8 percent of his attempts. Holden's 82 career treys rank 10th all-time at UT and his career three-point percentage of 37.3 is sixth all-time.

Point guard C.J. Watson, UT's only returning starter on the perimeter, returns to anchor the backcourt. An SEC All-Freshman team selection last season, the 6-foot-2 Watson led the league in assists with 5.44 dimes against conference teams. Watson, who is coming off a summer where he was selected to play for the 2003 USA Junior World Championship Team in Greece, will be counted on to continue to take his game to the next level.

While Peterson and the rest of the Vols expected good things out of Watson when he arrived on the Knoxville campus, the Las Vegas native surprised a lot of people with his knowledge and understanding of the game. As a rookie he averaged 9.1 points and 5.52 assists while playing a staggering 35.8 minutes per game. His 160 assists on the season rank seventh all-time on UT's single-season charts and are the second-best effort by a Vol freshman.

Joining Watson in the backcourt will be Scooter McFadgon (pictured below), a transfer from the University of Memphis. A shooting guard, McFadgon spent the 2002-03 season as a walk-on while sitting out the campaign after transferring. While not eligible to play in games for the Vols, the 6-foot-5 Memphis native was able to practice with the team. It was there he developed a reputation as a scorer who wasn't afraid to take the shot when the game was on the line. After proving himself in practices all season, McFadgon was awarded a scholarship.

One of the most versatile players in the Tennessee lineup is 6-foot-6 junior forward Justin Albrecht. Although the junior college transfer is not very familiar to Tennessee fans after suffering through an injury-plagued 2002-03 season, the Omaha, Neb., native showed that he was a fundamentally sound player. He is someone who wasn't afraid to do the little things on the court like draw charges to help his team win.

Sophomore Stanley Asumnu from Houston showed the Vols some bright spots from his position on the wing and could be poised to make a big impact on the Vol lineup this season. The 6-foot-5, 200-pound Asumnu saw action in 28 games and drew six starting assignments as a true freshman. A hero in UT's road win at Ole Miss when he grabbed an offensive rebound and then put it in the basket for the winning bucket with 2.6 seconds left, Asumnu averaged 2.9 points for the Vols as a freshman.

John Winchester, a versatile 6-foot-3 guard from Stamford, Conn., showed a lot of athleticism in playing 25 games as a true freshman last year, but he struggled to find his shot consistently.

Dane Bradshaw was Tennessee's first signee in the Class of 2003. He is a 6-foot-3, 215-pound point guard who will be able to provide Watson with a breather off the bench, a luxury that Watson did

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEWS ...

"MEASURING UP"

Spend even a small amount of time around the University of Tennessee women's cross country program, and it is apparent the standards are high. Academic excellence, character, teamwork, tradition and competing for SEC and NCAA trophies are all part of the expectations of being a Lady Volunteer. These principles serve as ever-present yardsticks for second-year Head Coach J.J. Clark and his troops, as they strive daily to make sure they are "Measuring Up."

Clark deserves a great deal of credit for re-calibrating the way success is calculated at Tennessee. In his inaugural campaign in Knoxville, the two-time SEC Coach of the Year guided the Big Orange to a 59-34-1 record, four meet victories and a third-place result at the SEC Championships. More significantly, however, he directed Tennessee to the program's initial NCAA South Region title on its home course and a berth in the NCAA Championships, where the Lady Vols responded with a tie for 28th place in the school's first visit since 1998 and only its sixth appearance ever. For his craftsmanship, his peers bestowed upon him the title of South Region Coach of the Year.

Those accomplishments not only enhanced the program's tradition, but they also raised the bar for the 2003 squad. The classroom performance a year ago also set the tone for the current crop of student-athletes to follow, as 11 members of the 14-runner roster were named to the Lady Vol Academic Honor Roll.

In terms of model athletes whom they could emulate, members of the 2003 squad need look no further than recent graduate Sharon Dickie, who last season became the first female UT cross country runner to garner all-conference and all-region acclaim as well as qualify for the NCAA Championships four times in her career. Dickie, who reeled off a string of 19-consecutive meets where she finished as UT's top runner, may have exhausted her collegiate eligibility but will remain an integral part of the program as she serves as the team's administrative graduate assistant.

That said, the decision to do what it takes and the effort required of meeting any or all of the lofty standards are in the hands of each member of the current Lady Vol squad. Those issues weren't a problem in Clark's first season in Knoxville, and they don't figure to be stumbling blocks anytime in the future under the savvy skipper. The athletes he inherited have subscribed to his philosophy and training methods, and the young women he has brought into the program were chosen because they have previously demonstrated the necessary athletic, academic and personality traits.

A veteran who projects to be one of the team's cornerstones is junior Brooke Novak, who has run in the shadows of Dickie the past two seasons. The Kaukauna, Wis., native hasn't gone unnoticed, however, as she collected All-SEC accolades in each of her two seasons (10th in 2001, eighth in 2002) and All-South Region acclaim in 2002 for a fourth-place result. Novak is poised to become only the sixth runner in the duration of the program to gain membership to the all-conference squad three times, and clearly enters the year as UT's top returnee.

Challenging Novak to be the team's top runner should be sophomore Felicia Guliford, who also rated as an all-region choice as a rookie by crossing the finish line 14th at the NCAA South meet on UT's Lambert Acres course. The Gallup, N.M., product was Tennessee's number-two finisher on three occasions as a freshman and just missed winning the UTC Invitational by a fraction of a second as Dickie leaned to nip her at the tape.

Guliford wasn't the only first-year runner who made an instant splash. Knoxville native Megan Cauble developed very quickly as a freshman and is the third of UT's returning All-South Region performers. While Cauble was 20th at the region meet as the Lady Vols' fourth runner, it was her 20th-place, number-three team finish at the SEC Championships that served as her collegiate coming-out party.

While that trio joined Dickie in attracting the bulk of the attention a year ago, Jessica Southers was quietly going about her business, holding down the fort at the four and five scoring slots. The senior from

With two transfers added to the roster, Coach Clark's cross country team will pose a serious threat to other conference teams and in the district for a shot at the NCAAs.

Senior distance runner Brooke Novak has helped lead the charge for the Lady Vols as they knock on the door of a Top 30 national ranking.

Ashland, Ky., has been a consistent team contributor for the Big Orange during her career and possesses an All-SEC certificate from her 13th-place piece of work in 2001. Southers' ability to duplicate that type of output in 2003 will be critical to the team's postseason aspirations.

Junior Elizabeth McCalley and senior Christy Baird, who both hail from Knoxville, round out the list of runners who have graced the scoring five for the Orange and White at least once. McCalley was in the top quintet at a pair of meets in 2002 and was 25th at the SEC meet in 2001. Baird, meanwhile, is attempting to battle back from injuries that kept her out of every competition but one last season. Her determination and toughness, which enabled her to chart a No. 20 result at the 2001 conference gathering, would be a definite asset to Clark's club if she can regain her previous prowess on the course.

Immediately joining the fray for a spot in the upper echelon will be two promising returnees and a pair of newcomers with experience at other NCAA Division I programs. Redshirt freshman Katie Flaute of Dayton, Ohio, and sophomore Mindy Sullivan of Lubbock, Texas, both demonstrated great potential in their initial season in Knoxville and should be positioned to make a run for a spot in the top group.

Sullivan, Flaute and the rest of the team will have a fight on their hands, as senior Lindsay Hyatt and sophomore Carly Matthews transferred to UT after earning their Division I stripes at Stanford and Georgia Tech, respectively. Hyatt, who earned a degree in American studies from the West Coast institution and is enrolled in graduate school at Tennessee, is an All-America-caliber 800-meter and relay standout on the track who also has the endurance to make a difference on the course. Matthews is armed with more tangible experience on the cross country front, having ascended to a role as one of the Ramblin' Wreck's top producers by the end of the 2002 slate, including a performance as the team's first finisher at the Atlantic Coast Conference meet.

Closing out the roster are sophomore Rachel Zamata of Henderson, Tenn., and a quartet of 800m specialists, including junior All-American Nicole Cook (Petersburg, Va.), senior Kameisha Bennett (Dayton, Ohio), junior Antoinette Gorham (Glenarden, Md.) and freshman Leslie Treherne (Chespeake, Va.). Clark expects for this group of athletes to not only work on conditioning, but to challenge for positions on the travel squad as well.

Fortunately for the sophomore coach, this year's schedule begins with a date at home on Sept. 12, as the Lady Vols welcome No. 14 North Carolina State and No. 23 Wisconsin to the Tennessee/adidas Cross Country Invitational at Lambert Acres Golf Club in Maryville. Start time for the 5K race is 6:30 p.m. ET.

After another 5K meet on Sept. 19 at the Crimson Classic Invitational in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Tennessee will undertake consecutive 6K races in Pennsylvania on Oct. 4 and Oct. 18. During those visits to the Keystone State, UT will compete in the Paul Short Invitational in Bethlehem and the Penn State National Invitational in University Park, respectively.

On Nov. 3, the "championship season" begins in Athens, Ga., as the Big Orange takes part in the 21st-annual SEC meet. At stake for the team from Rocky Top is an opportunity to chart the program's third-consecutive top-three league finish. That feat is something that hasn't been accomplished by the Lady Vols since the 1983, 1984 and 1985 squads did so in the first three years the meets were contested.

Two weeks later, the defending NCAA South Region champs will have to protect their hardware on the road after hoisting the trophy at Lambert Acres last November. Their title defense will take place at Indian Pines Golf Course in Auburn, Ala., on Nov. 15. Should things go well, a second-straight trip to the NCAA Championships would be in the offing, with a Nov. 24 trip to Waterloo, Iowa, on the line this time.

The Lady Volunteers begin the campaign with a preseason league prediction of fourth, which was assigned by the SEC's coaches. While that pick may seem slightly low for a team that returns three of its top five runners from a third-place SEC club, Clark is mindful that standards in Knoxville have been elevated by last year's performance.

What will matter most, however, to Clark and his troops is how they feel at the end of each day, week and month of the season as they look in the mirror and ask themselves whether they are "Measuring Up." As Clark can well attest, his team will have ample opportunities in the classroom and on the course to answer that question with an affirmative response in 2003. T

by Eric Trainer

MEET YOUR VASF STAFF ...

NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES

When you work with the VASF Office, it's very good to put a face with the voice helping you on the other end of the phone. In the past few months, there have been big things happening within the office. Looking at the Development side, we see one Tennessee alum returning home, two staffers taking on new challenges and note the beginnings of professional careers for two interns.

"I'm excited about our new staff members," said Associate Athletics Director, Development, John Currie. "They are all passionate about the mission of the VASF and UT athletics and are committed to helping serve our donors and student-athletes."

Here's a look at the new faces in some new places.

JENNIFER WIGGINS RETURNS HOME

She's part of a family of UT alums from the Tar Heel state, specifically Franklin, N.C. Jennifer Wiggins, an athletic department graduate assistant/intern from 2000-02, now holds down the post of Associate Director, Annual Giving.

A Tennessee partisan through and through, Jennifer was an outstanding athlete at Mars Hill College and was the NCAA Woman of the Year in North Carolina her senior season there. At Mars Hill, she was a four-year first team All-Conference selection in cross-country. She was also a three-time Academic All-America selection. She also served on the NCAA Division II National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee in 1998-99.

Holding a bachelors in education from Mars Hill in 1999 and a masters in human performance and sport studies from Tennessee in 2001, Jennifer comes from Wake Forest where she served as assistant director, annual giving, since March 2002. She was actively involved with the Deacon Club, assisting in raising $4.1 million for the Club's Scholarship Fund, a 19% increase from the previous year.

BRIAN CARROLL AND DAVID BLACKBURN ASSUME NEW DUTIES

Brian Carroll is keeping some duties and acquiring others, while David Blackburn moves over from football to work with the Development Office as Assistant Athletic Director, Development. Brian continues working with the T-Club and the Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan, while also getting his feet wet in administering the priority football and basketball ticket programs.

"It's been exciting, getting into the ticket operation," Carroll said. "There never seems to be a dull moment and that's good."

Blackburn will bring the organizational expertise he learned while in the Football Office to the activities of the Development Office. He will have the responsibility of overall management of the VASF program, looking to help make it a more efficient organization that provides superior customer service for all donors.

"Working with VASF members who help make UT athletics strong is a great opportunity," David said. "No job is without its challenges, but with this one there are opportunities for every challenge I face."

MARK CARTER PURSUING A LIFELONG DREAM, ERIC BEATY RETURNS TO VOLS, BOTH AS INTERNS

There are two new interns in the VASF Development Office. One is Mark Carter, a native of Fayetteville (Lincoln County). The other is Eric Beaty, who practically grew up as a Volunteer, hailing from Gallatin (Sumner County).

A walkon in the Tennessee football program in 1997, Beaty earned his degree in Accounting in 2001 while also serving as student body president. He left the University for a job with Arthur Anderson LLP and Ernst & Young LLP for two years.

He returns to the University seeking a degree in Sports Management and would like to get an MBA from Tennessee as well. As an intern for the VASF Development office, Beaty will be responsible for assisting in the annual VASF Fund Drive, assistant coordinator for the VASF Day, assist with the Big Orange Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan and serve as an advisor to the VASF Collegiate Club.

Carter comes to Tennessee after finishing his college undergraduate degree at the University of Memphis. Carter started his collegiate career at David Lipscomb University before transferring to Memphis after his freshman year.

He grew up a Vol fan but chose to pursue a baseball career in college that took him to both David Lipscomb and Memphis before giving up baseball due to injuries. But he always kept an eye on the Vols and jumped at the chance to come to Knoxville. His role with the VASF is working with season ticket sales, planning and running VASF Day, working with the VASF Fund Drive workers and volunteers and support Eric Beaty with the VASF Collegiate Club.

Carter spent his three years in Memphis working in the athletics department for the athletic director as part of the Tiger Club, until his graduation in May 2002. After graduating with a degree in finance from Memphis, he became a graduate assistant at Duke, where he worked with the Iron Dukes, the fund-raising arm of the Blue Devil athletics department.

Jennifer Wiggins

David Blackburn

Brian Carroll

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not have last season. A product of powerhouse White Station High School in Memphis, Bradshaw won three state championships in his four seasons with the Spartans. The 2003 Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year, Bradshaw led White Station to a 36-2 record while averaging 10 points, 5.4 rebounds and 4.3 assists as a senior.

A late signee for the Vols was 6-foot-3 guard Jordan Howell. Although the Madison, Ala., native originally signed with Georgia out of Bob Jones High School, Howell was granted a full release by the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference to attend another school without having to sit out. An all-state selection in the state of Alabama, he will play a key role for the Vols as an outside threat after averaging 17.5 points on 47-percent shooting from three-point range as a senior.

Asheville, N.C., native Pee-Wee Gash returns for his second season as a walk-on for the Vols. The speedy 5-foot-6 Gash proved himself as one of the best long-range shooters on the Vol squad while quickly becoming a fan favorite.

Joining Gash as a walk-on in the backcourt is Lou Wright. A top-100 recruit coming out of high school, Wright played two seasons a Southwest Tennessee Community College where he help lead the Saluqis to a third-place finish in the 2000 NJCAA Tournament. The younger brother of NBA star Lorenzen Wright and cousin of teammate McFadgon, Wright played three seasons at west coast high school power Westchester High in Los Angeles before completing his prep career at Raleigh-Egypt in Memphis.

POST PLAYERS

While the numbers may be a little thin in the paint for the Vols, Buzz Peterson will have a proven performer in Brandon Crump upon which to build a strong foundation.

Crump, a 6-foot-10 junior power forward from Houston is UT's only returning starter in the paint following the graduation of Ron Slay. Last year Slay had a dream season, leading the Southeastern Conference in scoring with 21.8 points per game while earning SEC Player of the Year and All-America honors.

Crump will be joined in the frontcourt by Boomer Herndon, a 6-foot-10 sophomore; Jemere Hendrix, a 6-foot-8 sophomore transfer from Clemson; and Major Wingate, a 6-foot-10 freshman who grew up in South Carolina.

A starter in each of his first two seasons at Tennessee, Crump improved his numbers significantly between his freshman and sophomore campaigns. After averaging a solid 7.1 points and 4.2 rebounds as a redshirt freshman, he added some new wrinkles to his game to become the team's second-leading scorer and rebounder with 11.0 points and 5.9 boards as a sophomore last season.

Herndon, one of just two true centers on the Vol roster, didn't see much action on the court as a freshman last year but gained valuable experience in practice and, most importantly, in the weight room. The 6-foot-10, 235-pounder from Nashville saw action in 12 games last season, including seven against Southeastern Conference foes.

Hendrix didn't see much action in an injury-shortened season at Clemson in 2001-02, but he made his presence known at Tennessee's practices last season. An extremely athletic big man who can run the floor as well as any guard, Hendrix spent the 2002-03 season as a redshirt at UT. Following a year of hard work while sitting out and attending school as a walk-on, Hendrix was awarded a scholarship during the summer.

Although just a freshman, the 6-foot-10, 245-pound Wingate could be pressed into early action for the Vols. One of the highest rated big man recruits for the Vols in several years, Wingate spent part of the summer playing for the Global Select Team at the 2003 Global Games in Dallas.

A top-50 recruit coming out of North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, Ga., Wingate led North Gwinnett to a 26-4 record while averaging 17 points, 9.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game.

Junior walk-on Fred Smithwick will provide added depth to the Vol frontline. A 6-foot-6 forward from Memphis, Smithwick saw action in three games last season.

Cleveland's Brenda McKenzie was recently honored with the presntation of this framed football jersey No. 1, symbolic of her status as the Department's No. 1-ranked donor.

Her support is paving the way for the Brenda and Toby McKenzie Center which will serve as the main entryway for the University's athletic programs.

The McKenzie Athletic Center will also house a new athletics hall of fame, named after former head coach and men's athletics director Doug Dickey.

Men's Athletics Director Mike Hamilton and Associate Athletics Director for Development John Currie are shown making the presentation.

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recognition at the 50th-best returning player in the nation to the Green Wave this year.

After nearly claiming the 2002 Mercedes-Benz trophy before running into final-round struggles, No. 20 UNLV looks to finish what it started last year. With the 27th-ranked returning player in the country in tow in sophomore Sunny Oh, the Rebels hope to improve on a sixth-place finish in the 2002 event.

Rounding out the top-25 contingent in this year's edition of the Mercedes-Benz, No. 23 Kent State is another newcomer to Fox Den. As the Golden Flash's top returning player, senior Martina Gillen could help KSU to a first in Mercedes-Benz history as no first-time entrant to the event has captured the team title.

As the only program, other than the hosting Tennessee Lady Vols, to appear in every Mercedes-Benz event since its inception in 1997, Louisiana State hopes to return to its inaugural event form as LSU tied for second in 1999.

Louisiana State is led by senior Devon Day, who paced the Tigers with a 40th-place-tying 237 in the 2002 edition of the Mercedes-Benz.

The Swedish Junior National Team of 2003 is led by Louise Stahle, a member of the Lunds Akademiska Golf Club. The Swedish contingent returns to the Mercedes-Benz after their best performance on Rocky Top when the Swedes placed second by only seven shots to 2002 Mercedes-Benz Champion Auburn.

The Michigan State Spartans come back for their third-straight try at the Mercedes-Benz title this year. MSU has been steadily improving from a ninth-place finish in 2001 to an eighth-place effort in 2002. The Spartans top returnee, senior Allison Fouch, tied for 28th last year with a three-round 233 that included a pair of four-over rounds of 76.

With three attempts at the Mercedes-Benz already under its belt, Northwestern looks to get back to its successful ways on Rocky Top as the Wildcats have witnessed a decline from their first foray in 2000 when NU placed third with a 903. Junior Ina Kim paced the Wildcats at the M-B last season with a 229 to tie for 13th.

Penn State is another returning program that first jumped into the Mercedes-Benz field in 2002. The Nittany Lions notched a 12th-place tie last year with a 943. PSU will look to its top returning Mercedes-Benz scorer sophomore Amber Weinerth for leadership as the Auburn, N.Y., native tied for 48th in 2002.

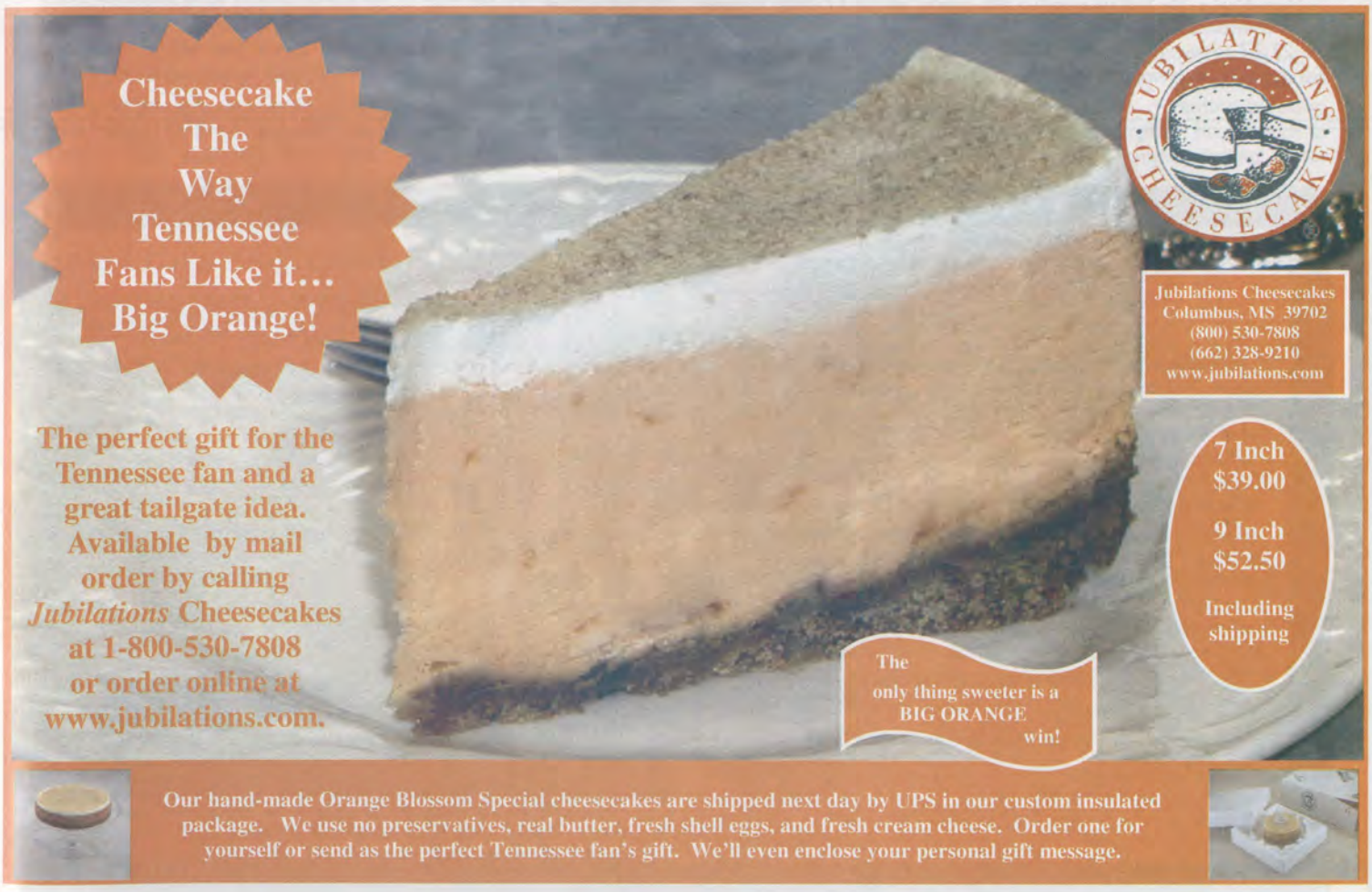
2001 Mercedes-Benz champion, Purdue, returns for its fifth-straight battle in Volunteer Country this year. Senior Beth Hermes, who tied for 32nd in last year's affair, hopes to be the one to fill a huge void for the Boilermakers as 2001 M-B medallist Kari Damron graduated.

Fledgling program Virginia will cut its teeth this season under the direction of 1997 UNC Wilmington graduate Jan Mann.

A pair of SEC squads round out the rest of the field, as the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Arkansas Lady'Backs will vie for their first Mercedes-Benz titles. Alabama, Pavon's alma mater, enters the tournament for the sixth time out of seven total events. The Crimson Tide, led by junior Darby Sligh, looks to improve upon last year's 14th-place finish in which 'Bama recorded a three-day total of 981.

Arkansas is another newcomer to the Mercedes-Benz Championships. A native of El Dorado, Ark., sophomore Amanda McCurdy is the top-returning player for the Lady'Backs.

by Jason Marsteller



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That's why everything from the training regimen to the meet schedule is designed to build a solid foundation for the championship portion of the slate in November.

"Our training and racing schedules are geared towards being prepared for the championship portion of the season," Watts said. "We will run back-to-back meets followed by two to three weeks of training opportunities. This schedule allows us recovery time from the previous races and gives us an ample training phase leading to the next series of races."

Tennessee returns four runners with NCAA Championships experience in Ed Davis, Tim Kelly, co-captain Steve Klein and co-captain Matthew Lapp. However, the Vols also lost four valued leaders with miles logged in the NCAA Championships to graduation. As a result, spots on the travel squad are up for grabs as Watts attempts to find his best seven. For Tennessee to return to the NCAA Championships for a third-consecutive year those returning from redshirt seasons and true freshmen will have to find a way to contribute.

The Volunteers have two races under their collective belts. Neither race proved chock full of highlight footage, but both offered proof Tennessee is working patiently to get better per Watts' directive. He wants his squad peaking in November when the big trophies come up for grabs, not during the days of September sun when the championship season is just a distant glimmer.

The Volunteers lost to highly-touted N.C. State 21-35 in the Sept. 12 Tennessee adidas Invitational home opener at Lambert Acres Golf Club in Maryville. Tennessee's five-man scoring spread of 45 seconds offered a respectable benchmark to gauge progress. The Vols lined up against the 14th-ranked Wolfpack on a warm and sunny day on a dry course.

Knoxville native and West High graduate Dusty Miller led the Tennesseans in the first race with a fifth-place, 26:14.17 effort to open his career on a promising note. Co-captain Lapp broke the tape in 26:21.87 to secure sixth and help Tennessee in the scoring column. Senior Kelly, who won the 2002 Tennessee Invitational, finished eighth with a 26:42.08 workday. Redshirt freshman Nate Jansen, a Farragut product, secured ninth in his first race donning the orange, crossing in 26:43.63. Davis wrapped up the Vol scoring five with a 12th-place, 26:59.28 offering.

One week later, the Tennessee contingent faced a different kind of challenge at the Navy Invitational in Annapolis, Md. The Volunteers plowed through 8,000 meters of Maryland mud to finish third in a six-team field on a muggy morning at the Navy Invitational.

The Volunteers summed 80 points and shaved down the critical five-man scoring spread to 39 seconds under sunny skies but still contested on a muddy, wet Navy Golf Course, courtesy of a soaking by Hurricane Isabel.

American won the team race with 27 points, only one point better than host Navy.

Lapp led the Tennessee harriers with an 11th-place, 25:51.3 effort. Davis arrived next for the men in orange in 15th with a 26:11.9 clocking. Freshman Jeff Day followed in 16th with a 26:14.9 time in a solid outing. Jansen crossed 18th in 26:28.4. Co-captain Klein was the fifth Vol to finish, concluding Tennessee's scoring with a 20th-place, 26:30.1 effort.

The Vols look to benefit from a two-week training window before sizing up their progress again Oct. 4 at the 8K Cardinal Cross Country Classic in Louisville, Ky.

Tennessee trains patiently for the championship season, kicked off by the SEC Championships Nov. 3 in Athens, Ga. The NCAA South Regional in Auburn, Ala., Nov. 15 holds the key to a third-straight trip to the NCAA Championships. The crown jewel of the season, the NCAA Championships, awaits for the fortunate Nov. 24 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Until then, these Volunteers patiently prepare for miles of racing through the green fairways of fall with hopes of what could be. And Watts will be the first to tell you patience is a virtue. T

by Nathan Kirkham

COMPLIANCE CORNER

CONTACTS

A college coach may contact you in person off the college campus only on or after July 1 after completion of your junior year. Any face-to-face meeting between a college coach and you or your parents, during which any of you say more than "hello" is a contact. Also, "any face-to-face meeting that is prearranged or that occurs at your high school or competition or practice site is a contact, regardless of the conversation. These contacts are not permissible "bumps."

Currently all sports, other than football and basketball, have seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) during the academic year, and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be in-person, off-campus contacts. However, a college coach may visit your high school only with the approval of your high-school principal.

Division I football coaches may contact you off the college campus six times. However, no more than one contact per week may occur during a contact period, regardless of where the contact occurs. Also, a college football coach may visit your high school (with the approval of your high-school principal) only once a week during a contact period.

In Division I basketball, coaches have five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) during the academic year and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be in-person, off-campus contacts. In addition, a college basketball coach may visit your high school (with the approval of your high-school principal) only once a week during a contact period.

In Division I men's basketball, coaches may make one contact with a prospect during April of the prospect's junior year in high school.

If you have any questions regarding NCAA rules and regulations, please call our Compliance Office at 865-974-3871.

THE "BOYS OF FALL," 1938 STYLE

Turning back the clock 65 years, the University of Tennessee honored the Vols' 1938 national championship team Sept. 6, paying tribute to the "Boys of Fall." Of such teams is a great tradition built.

It was a magic moment indeed as Vols fans looked back fondly on a team that played the game as well as any in Orange and White. Time has not diminished the memories nor has it taken the luster from what the young men of that day accomplished.

It was 65 years ago this season that UT, under the direction of Maj. Robert R. Neyland, ran the single-wing to precision and played textbook defense. The Vols rolled to the school's first 11-win season, outscored its opponents 293-16 and defeated Oklahoma in the 1939 Orange Bowl, a game generally regarded as one of the roughest in Tennessee history. It was then, as it is now, a great time to be a Vol fan.

End Bowden Wyatt, who would be named Vols head coach 17 years later, was the captain. Blocking back Sam Bartholomew won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the SEC's best blocker for the first of two seasons. Shields-Watkins Field held 31,390 fans, with the expansion of the east stands (44 rows, 12,030 seats) taking place for the 1938 campaign began.

The 1938 campaign marked the beginning of the second set of "glory years" for Maj. Neyland, who was in his third season back on campus after spending the 1935 season in the Canal Zone. Neyland had compiled a 76-7-5 record from 1926-34. He would assemble a 43-7-3 record between 1936 and 1940 before heading off to World War II.

Tailback George Cafego, offensive guards Bob Suffridge and Ed Molinski, Wyatt and Neyland would become members of the College Football Hall of Fame. Cafego, Suffridge and Wyatt also earned All-America honors, "Suff" for the first of three consecutive times as an All-America, an honor unprecedented in UT history.

The team led the SEC in scoring offense (27.6 ppg) and scoring defense (1.6 ppg).

Maj. Neyland was SEC Coach of the Year, while Cafego was SEC Player of the Year.

Here's the way the Vols lined up to start the game in those days. At ends were George (Bones) Hunter and Wyatt, tackles were Abe Shires and Boyd Clay. Guards were Suffridge and Molinski. At center was Jim Rike. In the backfield were Bartholomew, Cafego, Leonard Coffman at fullback and the multi-talented Bob Foxx at wingback.

It marked the first of three consecutive SEC titles for UT, the first conference school to do so. Five rating services rated the Vols No. 1 in college football in 1938, and they went on to post a 31-2 record from 1938-1940.

Athletics Director Mike Hamilton greeted three of the eight living members of that team before the Marshall game. Receiving the plaudits of the crowd were:

·Norbert Ackermann, Sr., of Franklin, captain of the 1940 team

·Coffman, the Greeneville native hailed as one of the toughest Vols ever, a man who once said that, "to play for Tennessee, you have to get wet all over."

·Ed Cifers of Knoxville, a starting end in 1939 and 1940

Other living members of the team are Ike Peel of Dyersburg, a starting blocking back in 1940 and 1941, Earle Brown of Clearwater, Fla., Bill McCarren of Hardy, Va., a starting blocking back in 1936 and 1937, Billy Barnes of Los Angeles, head coach at UCLA for many years, and Ray Graves of Tampa, starting center and captain of the 1941 team.

"These guys are really close," Ackermann's son, Bert, said. "They grew up in the Depression, played college football when it was really a tough game, went to World War II, came home and started raising families. They're really a special bunch." T

by Tom Mattingly

Three members of the 1938 team -- (L-R) Norbert Ackermann, Sr., Leonard Coffman and Ed Cifers -- were on hand to remember the 11-0 squad that won the national championship.

SEC CHAMPIONS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
11-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Result
Sept. 24	Sewanee	Knoxville	26-3
Oct. 1	Clemson	Knoxville	20-7
Oct. 8	Auburn	Knoxville	7-0
Oct. 15	Alabama	Birmingham	13-0
Oct. 22	The Citadel	Knoxville	44-0
Oct. 29	Louisiana State	Knoxville	14-6
Oct. 5	Chattanooga	Knoxville	45-0
Nov. 12	Vanderbilt	Nashville	14-0
Nov. 24	Kentucky	Knoxville	46-0
Dec. 3	Mississippi	Memphis	47-0
ORANGE BOWL			
Jan. 1	Oklahoma	Miami	17-0

2003-04 SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL (4-0, 2-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
August			
30	Fresno State	**KNOXVILLE**	W 24-6
September			
6	Marshall	**KNOXVILLE**	W 34-24
20	*at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	W 24-10
27	*South Carolina	**KNOXVILLE**	W (OT) 23-20
October			
4	*at Auburn	Auburn, Ala..	TBA
11	*Georgia	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
25	*at Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	TBA
November			
1	Duke	**KNOXVILLE**	4 p.m.
8	at Miami	Miami, Fla.	TBA
15	*Mississippi St	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
22	*Vanderbilt	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
29	*at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	1 p.m.
December			
7	SEC Championship	Atlanta, Ga.	TBA

** - SEC games*

TENNESSEE 24, FRESNO STATE 6

Attendance: 103,860

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Fresno State	0	0	0	6	6
Tennessee	7	7	7	3	24

Scoring Summary:
1st 12:26 UT - James Banks 9 yd pass from Casey Clausen (James Wilhoit kick). *2nd 13:14 UT* - Jabari Davis 44 yd run (James Wilhoit kick). *3rd 01:27 UT* - Tony Brown 5 yd pass from Casey Clausen (James Wilhoit kick). *4th 13:08 UT* - James Wilhoit 40 yd field goal. *7:14 FS* - R. Marshall 81 yd interception return (B. Visintainer rush failed).

	FSU	UT
FIRST DOWNS	4	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24--1	44-274
PASSING YDS (NET)	118	159
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-13-0	31-18-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	48-117	75-433
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-36	5-56
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-68	1-24
Interception Returns-Yards	2-99	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	11-31.9	5-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35	7-65
Possession Time	23:14	36:46
Third-Down Conversions	1-of-14	6-of-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-of-1	0-of-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	2-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-5	3-14

TENNESSEE 34, MARSHALL 24

Attendance: 106,520

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Marshall	7	3	14	0	24
Tennessee	0	14	14	6	34

Scoring Summary:
1st 08:08 MU - Jason Rader 9 yd pass from Stan Hill (Ben Lewis kick).*2nd 13:28 UT* - James Banks 24 yd pass from Casey Clausen (James Wilhoit kick). *03:16 MU* - Ben Lewis 34 yd field goal. *00:20 UT* - Tony Brown 27 yd pass from Casey Clausen (James Wilhoit kick). *3rd 11:10 UT* - Jabari Davis 2 yd run (James Wilhoit kick). *06:09 MU* - Darius Watts 13 yd pass from Stan Hill (Ben Lewis kick). *02:53 UT* - Troy Fleming 3 yd pass from Casey Clausen (James Wilhoit kick). *01:19 MU* - Josh Davis 65 yd pass from Stan Hill (Ben Lewis kick). *4th 05:27 UT* - James Wilhoit 42 yd field goal. *01:38 UT* - James Wilhoit 35 yd field goal.

	MU	UT
FIRST DOWNS	22	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-88	40-223
PASSING YDS (NET)	294	235
Passes Att-Comp-Int	34-23-1	33-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-382	73-458
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-30	6-86
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-50	3-67
Interception Returns-Yards	1-19	1-23
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-36.1	4-50.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-80	12-118
Possession Time	28:05	31:55
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	11 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-6	6-56

TENNESSEE 24, FLORIDA 10

Attendance: 90,332

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Tennessee	0	7	10	7	24
Florida	3	0	0	7	10

Scoring Summary:
1st 9:26 UF - Leach,M. 47 yd field goal. *2nd 00:00 UT* - James Banks 48 yd pass from Casey Clausen (James Wilhoit kick). *3rd 9:27 UT* - James Wilhoit 51 yd field goal. *1:10 UT* - Jabari Davis 1 yd run (James Wilhoit kick). *4th 14:00 UF* - Wynn, D. 5 yd run (Leach,M. kick). *8:38 UT* - Jabari Davis 9 yd run (James Wilhoit kick).

	UT	UF
FIRST DOWNS	20	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	50-139	27-73
PASSING YDS (NET)	235	281
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-12-1	44-25-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	74-374	71-354
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-30	2-13
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-44	2-56
Interception Returns-Yards	2--3	1-9
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-49.0	6-50.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-49	8-63
Possession Time	35:33	24:27
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 15	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-17	3-20

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Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
South Carolina	7	7	3	0	3	- 20
Tennessee	14	3	0	0	6	- 23

Scoring Summary:
1st 13:05 UT - C.J. Fayton 9 yd pass from Casey Clausen (James Wilhoit kick). 7:51 SC - Daccus Turman 1 yd run (Daniel Weaver kick). *4:40 UT* - Cedric Houston 3 yd run (James Wilhoit kick). *2nd 14:11 SC* - Hart Turner 1 yd pass from D. Pinkins (Daniel Weaver kick). *1:41 UT* - James Wilhoit 33 yd field goal. *3rd 5:15 SC* - Daniel Weaver 37 yd field goal. *OT SC* - Daniel Weaver 24 yd field goal. *UT* - James Banks 4 yd pass from Casey Clausen.

	USC	UT
FIRST DOWNS	21	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	44-217	36-117
PASSING YDS (NET)	154	149
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-12-1	22-13-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	74-371	58-266
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-5	3-28
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-31	3-75
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-31.3	7-51.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-65	7-83
Possession Time	32:21	27:39
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-of-1	0-of-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-7	1-4

WOMEN'S SOCCER (6-2, 0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
August			
29	UC Santa Barbara	**KNOXVILLE**	W 1-0
31	Fresno State	**KNOXVILLE**	W 3-1
September			
5	at BYU	Provo, Utah	L 0-1
7	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	W 5-2
12-14	**First Tennessee Classic**		
12	Richmond	**KNOXVILLE**	W 2-0
14	Charlotte	**KNOXVILLE**	W 3-0
19-21	**Adidas Classic**		
19	at William & Mary	College Park, Md.	W 2-1
21	at Maryland	College Park, Md.	L 1-3
28	West Virginia	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
October			
3	*Mississippi St.	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
5	*Ole Miss	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
10	*Florida	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
12	*South Carolina	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
17	*at Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	TBA
19	*at LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	TBA
24	*at Vanderbilt	Nashville	TBA
26	*at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	2 p.m.
31	*at Georgia	Athens, Ga.	7 p.m.
November			
6-9	SEC Tournament	Orange Beach, Ala.	TBA
14	NCAA 1st Round	Campus Sites	TBA
16	NCAA 2nd Round	Campus Sites	TBA
21	NCAA 3rd Round	Campus Sites	TBA
28	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
December			
5-7	NCAA College Cup	Cary, N.C.	TBA

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (11-2, 1-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
August			
29-30	**UM Invitational**		
	Maryland	College Park, Md.	W 3-1
30	Michigan St	College Park, Md.	L 2-3
30	Villanova	College Park, Md.	W 3-0
September			
5-6	**SBC Invitational**		
5	Nevada	Reno, Nev.	W 3-0
6	Arizona State	Reno, Nev.	W 3-2
6	Gonzaga	Reno, Nev.	W 3-0
12-13	**Toyota LV Classic**		
12	Cal State Fullerton	**Knoxville**	W 3-0
13	East Tenn St	**Knoxville**	W 3-0
13	Michigan	**Knoxville**	L 2-3
19-20	**Blue Demon Invitational**		
19	IUPUI	Chicago	W 3-1
20	Miami (OH)	Chicago	W 3-0
20	DePaul	Chicago	W 3-0
26	Ole Miss *	**Knoxville**	W 3-1
28	Mississippi St. *	**Knoxville**	2 p.m.
October			
3	*at Georgia	Athens, Ga.	7 p.m.
5	*at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	1:30 p.m.
10	*South Carolina	**KNOXVILLE**	7 p.m.
12	*Kentucky	**KNOXVILLE**	2 p.m.
17	*Auburn	**KNOXVILLE**	7 p.m.
19	*Alabama	**KNOXVILLE**	2 p.m.
24	*at Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	8 p.m.
26	*at LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	2:30 p.m.
31	*Florida	**KNOXVILLE**	7 p.m.
November			
2	*Georgia	**KNOXVILLE**	2 p.m.
7	*at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	7 p.m.
9	*at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	1:30 p.m.
14	*at Mississippi St.	Starkville, Miss.	8 p.m.
16	*at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss..	2:30 p.m.
21-23	SEC Tournament	Columbia, S.C.	TBA

** - SEC games*

WOMEN'S GOLF

DATE	TOURNAMENT	COURSE	RESULTS
September			
12-14	NCAA Fall Preview	Auburn University Club	18th
October			
3-5	Franklin Street Trust Lady Tar Heel	Finley Golf Course	Charlotte, N.C.
19-21	Mercedes-Benz Collegiate	Fox Den Country Club	**KNOXVILLE**
November			
10-12	Las Vegas Showdown	Anthem Country Club	Las Vegas

MEN'S GOLF

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULTS
September		
13-14	Bank of Tennessee/Ridges Intercollegiate	11th
October		
3-5	Carpet Capital Collegiate	Dalton, Ga.
20-21	Coca-Cola Tournament of Championships	**KNOXVILLE**
31-Nov. 2	Landfall Tradition	Wilmington, N.C.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	TOURNAMENT	COURSE	RESULTS
September			
12	Tennessee adidas Invitational	Maryville	2nd
20	Navy Invitational	Annapolis, Md.	3rd
October			
4	Cardinal Cross Country Classic	Louisville, Ky.	11:45 a.m.
10	Auburn Cross Country Invitational	Auburn, Ala.	5 p.m.
November			
3	SEC Championships	Athens, Ga.	9 a.m.
15	NCAA South Regionals	Auburn, Ala.	TBA
24	NCAA Championships	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	TOURNAMENT	COURSE	RESULTS
September			
12	Tennessee adidas Invitational	Maryville, Tenn.	3rd
19	Crimson Classic Invitational	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1st
October			
4	Paul Short Invitational	Bethlehem, Pa.	10:15 a.m.
18	Penn State National Invitational	University Park, Pa.	10 a.m.
November			
3	SEC Championships	Athens, Ga.	9 a.m.
15	NCAA South Regionals	Auburn, Ala.	10:45 a.m.
24	NCAA Championships	Waterloo, Iowa	1:15 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
October			
24	*at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	TBA
November			
1	Indiana	**KNOXVILLE**	TBA
20-22	**Nike Cup Meet**	Chapel Hill, N.C.	All Day
24	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	TBA

** - SEC meets*

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
October			
18	Orange & White Alumni (EXH)	**KNOXVILLE**	10 a.m.
24	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	5 p.m.
November			
15	*Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	3 p.m.
20-22	Houston Invitational	Houston, Texas	All Day
December			
4-6	U.S. Open Championships	Federal Way, Wash.	All Day
17	Key West Relay Extravaganza	Key West, Fla.	All Day

** - SEC meets*

MEN'S TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September			
10-11	Pomona Valley Medical Center USTA Pro Classic	Claremont, Calif.	NTS
12-14	Air Force Invit.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	NTS
15-21	Diadora Pro Championship	Costa Mesa, Calif.	NTS
25-28	adidas Invit.	Peachtree City, Ga.	NTS
October			
3-12	ITA All-American Championships	Chattanooga	
16-20	Omni Hotels Regional Indoors	Memphis	
November			
6-9	Omni Hotels National Indoors	Ann Arbor, Mich.	

WOMEN'S TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September			
19-21	St. Mary's Fall Classic	**KNOXVILLE**	NTS
26-28	adidas Fall Tournament	Peachtree City, Ga.	NTS
October			
9-12	ITA All-American Championships	Pacific Palisades, Calif.	
17-19	June Stewart Invitational	Nashville	
23-26	Omni Hotels Regionals	Lexington, Ky.	
November			
6-9	SEC Coaches Tournament	Peachtree City, Ga.	

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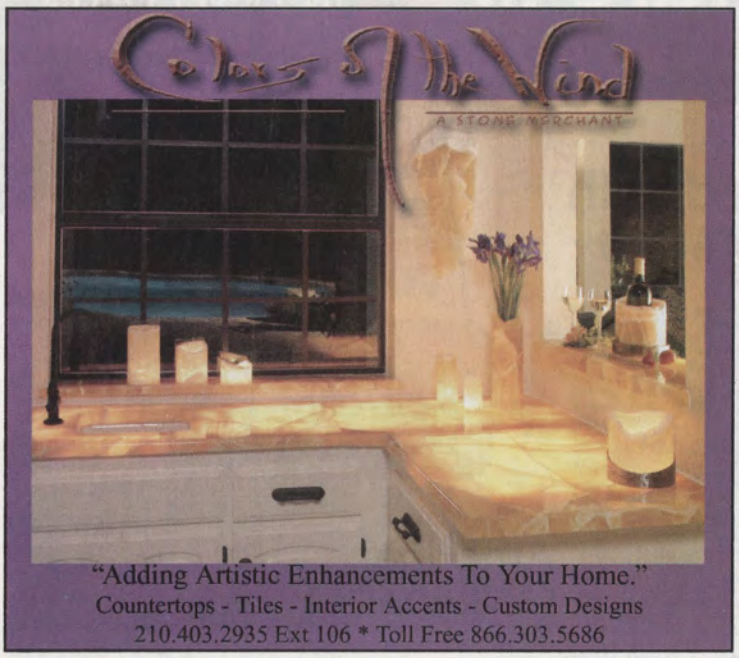

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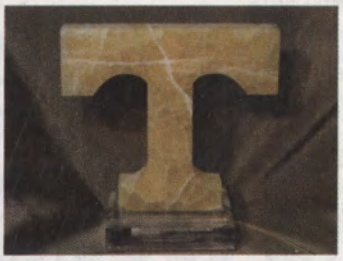

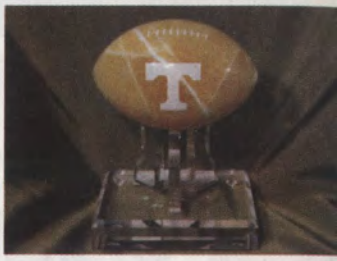

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